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When a massive boat-shaped "thing" popped out of the ground, it was to yield secret of terrifying significance.

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Dedication

To the Designer of the Egg
from which sprang all of our
5.5 billion people

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INTRODUCTION

Suddenly this mystery object popped out of the ground - and an amateur "detective" started probing what was to become an archaeological sensation.

He was soon to find himself caught in a cloak-and-dagger game of tomb robberies, betrayals and attempted murder. At every step, attacks would be made on the man and his project. Then came wonderful, astonishing surprises. Miracles, if you like.

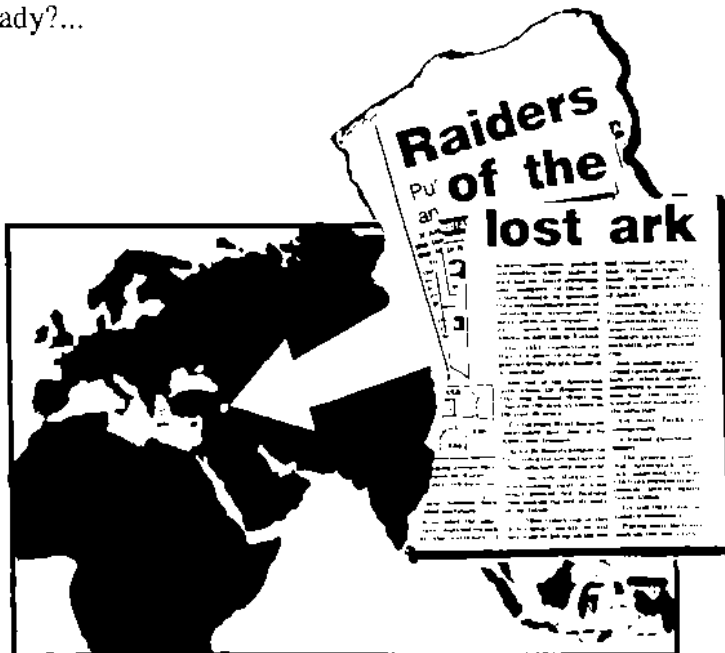
Convinced that he had discovered Noah's Ark, this real-life "Indiana Jones" chose not to swipe at his critics or try to justify his work. He had one goal: to quietly gain the evidence needed to convince the world. It was his desire that release of information about the discovery be kept to a minimum until preliminary work was completed to protect the historical remains.

Meanwhile his adversaries went on shouting, slandering and sabotaging.

April, 1992. Quite unexpectedly, I was drawn into this drama. It soon became apparent that attempts were being made to suppress the facts. A man and his noble cause were being wronged. This book now seeks to correct this injustice - by sharing some of the crucial facts that turned my skepticism into belief. This story, therefore, is partly my experience, as well.

The search for Noah's Ark is an adventure that has no equal in today's world. Are you ready?...

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SPECTACLE OF TERROR

a massive
ship
in the
mountains?

“Must be careful,” warned Ron. “I think my phone’s bugged.”

Ron Wyatt had just arrived home from his expedition. He was unwinding with a book, when I rang.

“So you’re home, too?” he asked. We’d split just two weeks earlier. He’d gone east and I’d flown west.

“How was it?” I asked, careful of my words.

“I was there two days and two nights,” he croaked. “It was a bit hairy. The first night five terrorists were shot dead near our hotel. So we moved across town. The second night nine terrorists were shot in the street near **that** hotel.”

“Were you able to use the boroscope?”

“Yes, we raced out there quick before the killers woke up to it. But the light was too dim. Next time, when you come, we’ll need a stronger light to see inside.”

I replaced the receiver. Thank God Ron had come through!

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It was spine-chilling, this whole thing. Phone buggings, break-ins, “spy” arrests, murder attempts and betrayals.

It had started for me when my good friend Roy Tucker held out a copy of *Life* magazine.

“Look,” he shrieked, his eyes popping out like antennae. “A **MASSIVE SHIP IN THE MOUNTAINS!!!** Can you believe it? Just look! It’s as big as a battleship! What on earth can it be?” he exclaimed. “... Noah’s Ark?”

"Not Noah's Ark," I retorted, skeptically. "This thing has to be a freak of nature." (Get real! What else could it be - at 6,300 feet altitude?)

"There IS enough water, you know," retorted Roy. "Enough water to put it up there. There's eighteen times more water below sea level than there is dry land above it."

"You don't say?"

"Yes. And it's well known that most of earth's mountains are of recent formation. If seabeds can rise and continents sink, there'd be heaps of water for a worldwide Flood. If all the land now above the sea were dumped into the ocean depths, it would fill only one eighteenth of the present volume of the oceans. Quite enough water, don't you think?"

I tried to visualise it...

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED

...Amanda had hung her dress out to dry. She lost her dress in the Flood. She lost her guitar, all of the clothes in her wardrobe; and the box of letters from her boyfriend.

She also lost her life.

November 17, 2345 B.C.⁽¹⁾ It was a calm, clear night, an hour after sunset. At the Gaiety Hotel, there was a dance on. The rumble was gentle at first. They thought it was the drums. It grew louder. Then the building began to rock violently.

At that moment, the first hurricane winds slammed into Seaport, bringing chaos and terror. First there was an eerie wail... and it rose into a scream like jets. Rod rushed out of his shop door just as a man and a boy ran past, shouting about the sea coming in at the south side of town. At first, he didn't catch what they were saying - but he soon understood because, behind them, he saw a wave rolling along the street. The high wave was advancing, crashing over the rooftops. It flattened everything in its path. Large buildings simply vanished.

As lights went out in Seaport, cookers, waterpumps and receivers clicked off. A crackle ran across the sky, then thunder burst savagely on top of every house. All shook. It scared everyone crazy. Forks of lightning began writing the word FEAR across the sky. The wind rose to a deafening shriek like the keys of all the organs in the world being played at once.

About midnight Jake awoke to find his house creaking and rocking on its foundations. Looking out, he saw water everywhere. Then he heard what he thought was the noise of someone breaking in. He went down to check the front door, and it felt as if someone were pushing from the other side. Then the door flung open and he was submersed in water up to his neck.

The Benjin family, living in a slightly taller apartment, were awakened by their neighbours shouting and screaming. They watched with horror as the houses swept by. As one floated past, they saw a woman washed off it. Others had people clinging to the roofs.

At the Western Theatre, a play called "Night Without Sleep" had been advertised for next week.

Further inland, Enoch City was in nerve-shattering suspense. As refugees brought in the real story, hour by hour, the horrendous finality of the event became evident.

AN IRREVERSIBLE DISASTER

Few knew it, but the earth's axis had tilted. Until now, a vapour canopy had helped keep the earth's climate springlike from pole to pole. This canopy above the stratosphere was at this moment disintegrating. Its trillions of tons of water would take six weeks to collapse upon the earth.

The next morning, deep underground mutterings quickly reached the intensity of cannonades. By nightfall, volcanoes were showering the land with boulders. Bridges fell. Roads became impassable.

Simultaneously, volcanoes burst out in America, Africa, the Pacific and everywhere. Immense cracks appeared and lava pushed up through them.

Great undersea explosions churned the seas and the water temperature rose rapidly.

By noon the next day, a new volcano, the largest, had joined the thundering chorus near Enoch City. Then another, and a few hours later an entire volcanic chain within visible distance was trumpeting its fury.

The howitzers of hell were in full volume. The sea boiled, in places, around the doomed planet. The earth trembled. The raining nights were red with the glow from the seething volcanoes - thousands of them roaring in unison.

Suddenly there was an explosion so vast that it defies description - the plain of Hiddickel had disintegrated in one cataclysmic blast that sent earthshocks and airwaves around the globe.

PROPHECY IGNORED

It took the world by surprise. Sure, everyone knew society had become unsafe. Human life on this planet had seemed about to blast itself into extinction. People had been asking, almost tritely, Just where was God in the face of the ever-present horrors of warfare, of crushing anguish, of crime, hatred and injustice? Stop it? That would mean the end of everything. Won't happen.

Yes it will. Noah's group had been preparing for **120 years**. Yes, there'll be intervention, it was revealed. It **MUST** happen, to preserve a nucleus of mankind before it was too late. This promised Flood will be so earth-changing, nothing on land will survive. Of course, if there'd been no warning, no time to prepare, then clearly there could have been no survivors. Nor would we, their descendants, be here to talk about it.

There had been knowledge, **120 years before** the event, that a total world wipeout was to occur - specifically by water. And there was detailed preparation for a gigantic, tidal-wave-proof survival vessel. **AGAINST ALL EVIDENCE**, at the time. When you think about that, does it not suggest some kind of outside intervention? Such would seem not only likely, but an absolute necessity.

But they wouldn't believe Noah. Too busy living. Now it was upon them. That rebellious generation were to realise, before death overtook them, that they had fallen into the hands of their Creator, whom they ignored.

Sky and earth were thrown into a furious revolution. The lightning flashed without ceasing. The thunders rolled throughout the heavens, bugle calls that a day of judgment had come.

(Mere fancy? No. That such violent destruction **DID** occur is verified by the condition of fossils and rocks. Geologists are acquainted with these conditions, and describe them accurately, attributing them to violent upheavals and continental revolutions, but because it is regarded as unfashionable to accept the biblical account of a worldwide catastrophe, they place these events in the nebulous past of millions of years ago.)

STAMPEDE

... Three weeks have gone now. The populations of the seacoasts are gone. Huge tidal waves are now sweeping inland. Nothing is alive for 600 miles inland. The survivors are dwellers in the centre of the continent. By day, the sky is now permanently darkened; the sun no longer shines. The moon cannot be seen.

Like a cosmic mower, the continuing hurricane cuts through forests, ruthlessly harvesting. And everywhere it goes, the hurricane hurls a lethal barrage of flying missiles - tree limbs, broken glass, whole roofs. Steel poles are twisted like spaghetti. The hurricanes and wild seas tear the trees from the ground and pile them, trunk, root and branch, in enormous heaps.

Gigantic waves sweep madly over valley and mountain alike, carrying rocks, stones and rubbish at enormous speed.

Each twice-daily current of the sea comes higher and higher up the rivers and valleys, spreading further and wider inland each time. It progressively tears at the land and whisks it away.

Gripped by the same terror, wild beasts and tame struggle together to higher grounds. Some of the people bind their children and themselves upon powerful animals, knowing that these will climb to the highest peaks to escape the rising waters. Some fasten themselves to tall trees on the hills or



(C.S.Dixon - Newton & Co. Ltd.)

mountains, but the trees are uprooted and hurled into the billows. As the waters rise higher, the people flee for refuge to the loftiest heights. Often man and beast struggle together for a foothold... in the blinding rain.

In amphitheatres in the hills, they find themselves trapped. In great numbers they throng together, pushing into caves, swarming over the ground in front. Until the waters rise and cover them. Strong animals, without a sign of degeneration, come to an end. This is not the survival of the fittest. Fit and unfit, and mostly fit, old and young with sharp teeth, with strong muscles, with fleet legs, with plenty of food around, all perish.

The earth is even at this moment convulsing, opening up fissures to swallow many of them, as they collect on the tops of these hills. Then the huge waves smash over them large rocks and debris, until their bones are crushed and smashed. Here, often thousands of feet up, they are washed into crevices and held tight.

(We're not told about this, are we? Here is something most crucial that is not disclosed to the public. Did you know that on every continent and in numerous places are vast "fossil graveyards", where creatures have been swept to their death in their millions? LAND and SEA creatures all mixed together. Creatures from different habitats and even different climatic zones! Hippopotami, polar bears, marsupials, horses, plants, trees, crocodiles, dogs and lions - **LAND** creatures **AND** creatures of the **DEEP SEA** - **ALL MIXED AND BURIED TOGETHER** in a completely unnatural way! The bones are in a "fresh state", neither worn, rolled nor gnawed. They are splintered and broken.

There are fissures packed with bones high up on hills across Europe. In France, for example, near Chalon-sur Saone, stands an isolated, flat-topped hill, Mont de Sautenay. It rises 1,030 feet above the plain. Near the summit is a fissure crammed with bones. I ask you, why should so many kinds of animals **FROM SUCH DIFFERENT HABITATS** have ascended a hill isolated on all sides? High up on Gibraltar, at different altitudes, are numerous such crevices up to 300 feet deep, filled with bones of animals from the plains and the crags and the caves, **ALL DRIVEN TOGETHER, SMASHED TO PIECES.**

Artefacts of men are found among the bones. Often birds and animals are **mixed together with trees**, washed into the fissures soon after they opened. This probably explains why the fissures never closed again.

In North and South America, Asia and Africa, animals of every kind died

in great numbers; well-preserved fossil remains tell us they were buried almost immediately. **There was mass extinction in all parts of the world simultaneously - and sudden burial.** Islands in the Arctic Ocean are composed almost ENTIRELY of their bones.)

At last man, the chief object of the waters, was overtaken. Outside the survival vessel, man ceased to exist.

TOTALLY, VIOLENTLY RE-SHAPED

For the first six weeks, lava poured out wildly **above** the rising flood level. Thereafter volcanoes (now submerged) continued to force out lava **beneath** the water.

Colossal tsunamic waves, caused by submarine earthquakes, surged over the planet. The winds, now of inconceivable force, whipped them up to enormous heights.

All over the world, huge boulders, some up to 18,000 tons in weight, were lifted and carried long distances. In Europe, some were hurled 2,000 feet up on to the Jura Mountains, where they now sit. Others were swept from Finland to Moscow as though they were pebbles. Many others landed on what are now isolated islands.

For months the storm raged. Unceasingly, in repeating twelve hour cycles, the mighty ebb and flow wore down the earth's surface and each wave returned with its debris. Travelling long distances under water, fast moving currents of suspended mud and sand spread out over thousands of square miles. The ebb and flow laid down successive strata, alternately burying land organisms and water creatures, which ultimately would fossilise.

(The rock layers of our planet reveal that the earth's surface must have been torn up for miles down and relaid by the action of water. There was enormous power in the surging, raging waters. The earth's surface was plowed up ten miles in some spots and overall to an average depth of almost a mile.)

These titanic waves, driven by screaming gusts, continued to rise. After forty days, the waters were above the highest mountains. (Although some thousands of feet in height, the pre-Flood mountains were not the giants of today. Peaks like Everest were not pushed up until later in the Deluge and during the years of its aftermath.)

Half a year was to pass before the tops of the mountains would again be seen.

The enticing beauty of the original world had perished.

13 MONTHS LATER

Of all the accounts handed down to us, only the Genesis record indicates with the exactitude of a diary or ship's log the date of the inception of the Deluge (Noah's 600th year, and the 17th day of the second month of that year), the length of the actual downpour (40 days), the length of time that the water-depth remained at its maximum (150 days), the date at which the tops of the mountains became visible once more (on the 1st day of the 10th month), the length of time until the first evidence of new plant growth was brought to Noah in the beak of his dove (47 days, according to Genesis 8:6-11), and the precise day of Noah's emerging from the Ark on the mountains of Ararat (his 601st year, the 27th day of the 2nd month).

"And when the storm came to an end and terrible waterspouts ceased, I opened the windows and the light smote upon my face; I looked at the sea, tentatively observing, all humanity had turned to mud, and like seaweed the corpses floated.

"I sat down and wept, and the tears fell upon my face."⁽²⁾

After 150 days, the drogue stones suspended from the Ark's hull struck submerged ground. Apparently the waters had begun to recede. The process by which the lands were uncovered, the mountains rising and the basins expanding, had begun.

It was a further five and a half months before the flood waters retreated from view.

Toward the end of that period, a raven (crow) was liberated from the Ark, to gain information about the nature of the newly exposed land areas. It flew constantly until the waters had abated sufficiently for it to find food. Once a week, also, a dove was sent out. The second week it returned with a newly-sprouted olive leaf. But on the third occasion, the dove failed to return, a sign that there was at last enough dry land with some vegetal regrowth.

The vessel finally grounded high up in a semi-circle of small hills. These would protect the Ark from the tidal waves that rushed back and forth as the Flood subsided.



(*Gustave Dore*)

An additional two months were required for the ground to dry at deeper levels and for remnants of vegetation to get re-established as food for the animals, when they should exit the Ark.

Meanwhile, the passengers waited aboard.

Just 377 days after they entered the survival vessel, the Noah family stepped out. The Flood waters had covered the earth for just over a year.⁽³⁾

Now they gazed upon a different world. Barren wastes, bleak and sterile hills and unbearable extremes of heat and cold confronted them. Great mountain ranges - high, forbidding rocky walls - had been thrust up, destined to isolate areas into harsh climatic pockets.

PILGRIMAGES TO THE LANDING SITE

Over more than 2,000 years, many historians recorded that the remains of Noah's Ark were to be visited in the Ararat area.

From ancient Assyrian sources, Berosus (c. 275 B.C.) wrote: "There are, they say, remains of the ship in Armenia on the mountains of the Cordyaeans (Kurds), where local people take pieces of asphalt from the object and use these for amulets against danger and catastrophes."⁽⁴⁾

In the fourth century B.C., Abydenus wrote: "Local people visit the spot in search of amulets."

Said Josephus in the first century: "This flood and the ark are mentioned by all who have written histories of the barbarians... For even Manetho, who wrote the Egyptian History, and Berosus who collected the Chaldean Monuments, and Mochus and Hestiaeus, and besides these Hieronymus the Egyptian, and those who composed the Phoenician History agree to what I say. Hesiod also, and Hecataeus, and Hellanicus, and Acusilous."⁽⁵⁾

In 380 A.D. Epiphanius of Salamis wrote: "Do you seriously suppose that we are unable to prove our point, when even to this day the remains of Noah's Ark are shown in the country of the Kurds?"

SIZE OF THE ARK

Pictures of Noah's Ark in most illustrated books are not much more accurate than this cartoon.

The truth is, the Ark of the Bible was enormous, longer than a football field. It was 515 feet long, displacing 32,525 tons, well within the category of metal ocean-going vessels of today. There was room inside for 494 double-decker buses. It has been calculated that all the basic types of land animal would fill 158 such buses. Plenty of room to spare! Don't forget, there is now evidence that antediluvian technology was sophisticated and quite able to produce a vessel of the dimensions claimed for the Ark.



Sketch: G. Burnside



Comparison of Size

From the point of view of seaworthiness in a storm, engineers acknowledge the measurements of the Ark to be perfect. Many modern vessels are built to design specifications similar to those of the Ark. Optimum design has been achieved only from long experience, often after fatal errors. **The scientific wisdom displayed in its construction lifts the ancient Ark out of the realm of fanciful tale and into the classification of an up-to-date, reliable account.**

As for the animals, known natural mechanisms could well have operated in the migration of animals to the Ark, their willingness to mingle and their hibernation aboard during the Deluge duration. In the light of modern scientific knowledge, these aspects no longer present a problem.

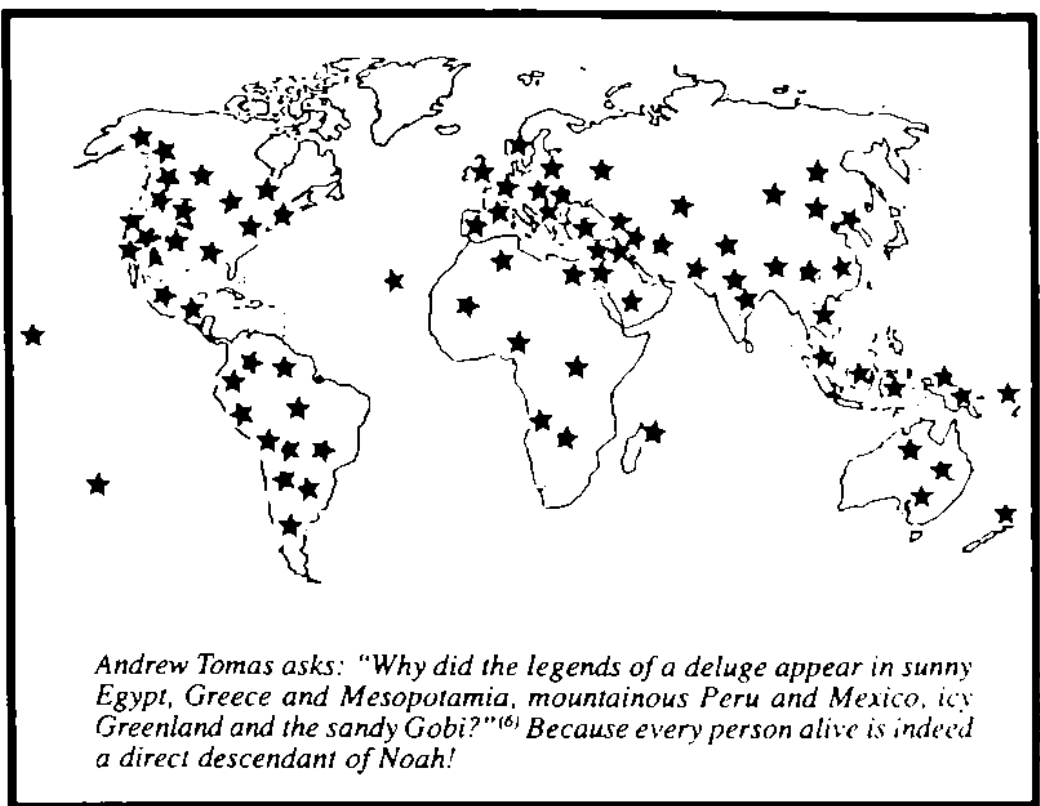
Nevertheless, the cooperation of a **select group** from every species of animal does require something above natural law operating. It requires the natural and the supernatural working side by side and hand in hand. The combination of events was nothing less than a miracle. If the event occurred, then it was masterminded, engineered and controlled from the start. This outside interaction and control by Intelligence did **not** occur by chance.

There is no doubt that the Deluge occurred. Yet the associated **combination** of events is beyond natural explanation.

The remains of any huge ship in the mountains of north eastern Turkey would have to be Noah's Ark. And it would be proof of something more than just a local flood.

Here, a grounded vessel such as the Ark would be in a mountainous region, remote from all oceans, in a continental heartland location.

I pondered. The Ark would be older than the pyramids... the **OLDEST ARTEFACT ON EARTH**, actually. Since it went aground, the ancient kingdoms of Sumeria, Egypt and China had risen and fallen. Was it possible? Could the old Ark of Noah have survived, somewhere... really?



Locations of some of the 600 worldwide Great Flood traditions

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- 1 Some ancient calendars would make the date November 1.
 - 2 *Gilgamesh Epic* (lines 128-137), free translation. (This is an ancient Flood tablet, from Mesopotamia.)
 - 3 Some evidence hints at an original year of 360 days, which was altered by an orbital upset at the time of the Great Flood. The 377 days in the Ark is correct if we assume Noah employed the old reckoning, otherwise add five more days. (See Gen.7:7,10,11; 8:14-18)
 - 4 Berosus, *The Chaldean History* (Isaac Preston Cory, *Ancient Fragments*, 2nd ed. London: W.Pickering, 1832, p.26)
 - 5 Flavius Josephus, *Antiquities of the Jews*, trans. William Whiston. Philadelphia: Henry T.Coates & Co., book 1, chap.3, sec.5
 - 6 Andrew Tomas, *We Are Not the First*. London: Sphere, 1971, p.204

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ESCAPE AT MIDNIGHT

“RUBBISH!” I cried. “You say this guy Wyatt claims he’s found Noah’s Ark on a plateau way south of Mount Ararat?”

“Well,” shrugged my friend Kristine, “you can get the man’s address. Why not contact him?”

“Look,” I snorted, “if that treasure had been found it would be BIG NEWS. We’d know about it! Anyway, the Ark would be on Ararat itself. Aren’t all the alleged sightings on Ararat? Don’t all the expeditions go to Ararat? Doesn’t the Bible say it was on Ararat?”

I MEET “INDIANA JONES”

I decided to confront this would-be “Indiana Jones” in person.

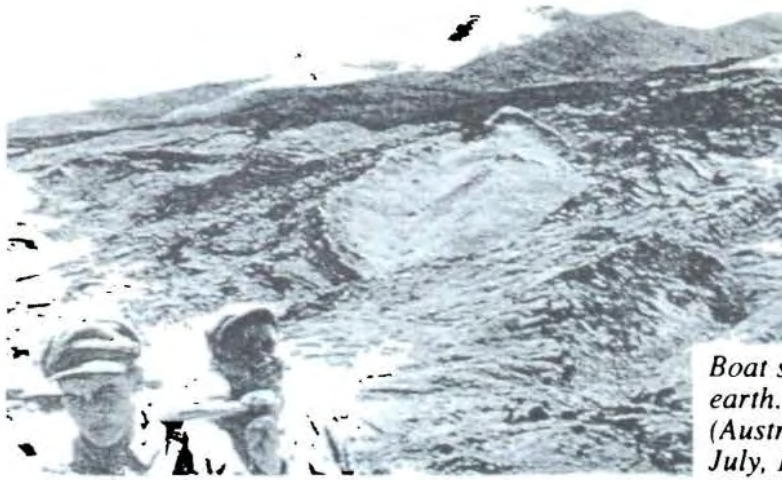
It was October 2, 1992. At Nashville airport, Tennessee, I was met by an attractive, intelligent lady, who introduced herself as Mary Nell Wyatt.

“It’s true,” she said almost as soon as we were in the car. “We have so much to show you.”

Ron Wyatt was a big, bearded man of fifty-nine. I found him genial and willing to talk. He began his story, and my mind drifted back... back to Roy Tucker and the picture he had once shown me.

Back in 1959, a Turkish pilot had taken stereo photos during a routine aerial survey for the Geodetic Institute of Turkey. On these photos a mapping cartographer noticed a boat-shaped object.

The object was immersed in a field of lava in mountain country 12 miles south from the base of Mount Ararat.



*Boat shape outlined in the earth.
(Australian PIX magazine
July, 1960)*

“LET’S BLAST A HOLE IN IT”

Dr. Arthur Brandenburger, Professor of Photogrammetry at Ohio State University, got interested. (It was he who had found the missile bases in Cuba, using stereo planography.) He carefully studied the photograph. “I have no doubt at all,” he concluded, “that this object is a ship. In my entire career I have never seen an object like this on a stereo photo.”

Within months an American expedition party reached the spot. On site, the formation looked more than ever like the outlines of a ship caught in lava. The team dug one hole after another, finding only soil, clay and lava. After two days, they blasted into one side of the object and left. Disappointed, they concluded it was probably not man-made, but a freak of nature.

“When you blasted the formation, what did you find?” a team member was later asked.

“We found some very unusual stones,” he replied. “They were shaped like timber, but they had no growth rings.”

The verdict: nothing of archaeological interest.

Brandenburger, who accompanied the team, was still not convinced. He believed the site required “further study.”

Soon another character entered the arena. His name was Ron Wyatt. His interest aroused, he contacted Brandenburger. Wyatt didn’t know it yet, but he would become the central figure in a dangerous saga.

A WILD AREA

“Come on boys, let’s go look at it.”

Amateur archaeologist Ron Wyatt was curious. He suspected there was more to this site than just rocks. So in August, 1977, Ron and his teenage sons Danny and Ronny arrived in eastern Turkey.

They were ready, they thought, for anything. The trip would almost cost them their lives.

The area seemed wild and remote, a world away from anywhere. They mounted up and pack muled into the mountains. Outsiders, it turned out, were not welcome. Kurds had a quaint habit of shooting at strangers.

From a knoll the object came into view. It was at least half a mile away, but their blood was already racing.

“Let’s go,” motioned Ron.

The three of them trekked off down the hill to the dried mud flow below.

Earthquake fissures had to be crossed with caution. The little gear they carried had to be set on the edge. Then they had to lower themselves into the fissure, transfer the stuff to the other side and climb out again.

They had time only for a cursory glimpse of the object. It was almost totally buried. The top of a ship-like structure protruded from the mud.

Could this be the old Ark of Noah?

TOO HIGH UP FOR A LOCAL FLOOD

“How high are we now?” asked Ronny.

“We’re about 6,300 feet above sea level, son. This location is above any possible height reachable by a ‘local flood’ but it is below the maximum water level that would result if all the water of our planet washed the earth’s surface.”

“How much water is there?”

“If all the land were levelled out, the sea would cover the earth to 7,800 feet.”

TOO FAR FROM THE SEA

"It's a long way from the sea now," exclaimed Ronny.

"That man we met said it's 750 kilometres from the Mediterranean," Danny replied. "Whatever that is in miles, it sure is far."

"Glad to see you're working it out," said their father. "We're so far from any present or ancient body of water that would support it. We're in the midst of a continental mass here! If this is a boat, it could only be Noah's famous Ark. It defies any other explanation."

THE CORRECT LENGTH!

Careful measurements of the object would later show its inside length to be 515.7 feet (Wilson and Baumgardner, 1985) or exactly 515 feet (Fasold, 1985).

The biblical length of the Ark is quite specific: 300 cubits.⁽¹⁾ In recording the measurements, Moses would have used the royal cubit of Egypt, since he was educated in Egypt. This cubit was 20.6 inches.⁽²⁾ You can work it out: 300 cubits is 515 feet.

Thus the length of Noah's Ark and the length of this boat-shaped object would prove to be IDENTICAL.

STONE "SEA ANCHORS"

On this trip, however, something else cropped up. As he roamed the hills, Ron noticed a number of stone objects, resembling ancient sea anchors. Large stone anchors were part of the equipment of the ships of antiquity. They were perforated at the top so that chains or ropes could be passed through the holes. Such anchors have been found in the Mediterranean, the eastern Atlantic and off the coast of California.

These stones, with their flat surface area against the water, created a drag, in turbulent water, preventing a vessel from slipping sideways against a wave. In calmer waters, the stones hung deep, sounding for the bottom. They could have served as sheet anchors and been manipulated to direct a vessel around obstructions.

The “drogue stones” that Wyatt found were **by far the largest ever found in the world**. The heaviest anchor stone found to date had been 1,543 lbs (700 kg).⁽³⁾ But these were an average weight out of water of 8,700 lbs! (That was the estimate of marine salvor David Fasold.) And on average they were ten feet high by five feet wide and 18 to 24 inches thick.

As I write, thirteen of these anchor stones have been found. There may be a total of eighteen.

Two facts emerged which could be significant. Firstly, they lay at intervals, more or less in a straight line with the boat-shaped object. (Some of them had cable holes intact; in others a portion of the hole remained. Secondly, marine scientists, using computer models, were later able to determine that the stones were the size that would have been required by a ship of the Ark’s biblical dimensions.

Ron asked himself: if this boat-shaped object was really only a natural formation, then **WHY WERE THESE GIANT SEA ANCHORS ON THE SLOPES OF THE ARARAT MOUNTAINS?**

“It’s the Ark, Danny, it has to be!” he exclaimed. “See where these anchor stones lie? They must have been cut loose, or dropped, as the Ark entered the area of its final rest.”

“THEY’RE TRYING TO KILL US”

... “Danny, wake up! We’ve gotta get outta here. Some of the villagers are trying to kill us! Into Ronny’s room, quick!...

“...Barricade the door. ...The bed first. ...Now ram the chest between the bed and the wall.”

Their minds raced, trying to comprehend what was happening.

It was a hot night, and sultry. Hard enough to sleep. And now... They could hear the pummelling of heavy feet rushing up the stairs. Now they were just outside. Somebody was trying to use a passkey in the lock. The door appeared to strain from the weight of a wild mob in the corridor. This was not room service! Would the door hold?

“Let’s go, boys. Grab what you can and outta the window. On to the roof!”

Their mouths and throats were parched. The Erzurum Hotel in Dogubayazit, eight miles from the "Ark" site, had seemed safe... until now.

Now their well-laid plans were in tatters. "Someone doesn't want the Ark to be discovered," thought Ron.



*Ancient anchor stones from
Cyprus (Cyprus Museum)
and Marza, Sicily.
(Keith DeVries)*

*Left:
Mehmet, a local Kurd,
posing with Ron Wyatt
beside one of the huge
drogue stones ("anchor
stones") near the village
of Kazan, within sight of
the boat-shape (R. Wyatt)*

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MISTAKEN IDENTITY

“I SAT ON NOAH’S ARK”

Georgie Hagopian was ten years old when he first saw the Ark. That was way back in 1908; a very hot year it was, too.

Near the “top of the world”, the Ark was resting on a massive rock. Apparently his Armenian uncle knew exactly where it was, because he went straight to it. The Ark was long and rectangular. One side was on the edge of a cliff. Georgie’s childlike estimate of its size was 1,000 feet long, 600 feet wide and 40 feet high.

The structure looked like stone. It was dark brown. A green moss covered the Ark. His uncle helped him to get on top of it.

In 1970, Georgie told this story to Ark searcher Eryl Cummings and author Rene Noorbergen.

RUSSIAN ARK SIGHTINGS

The story goes that, in 1917, Russian scouting parties went to Mount Ararat to follow up a Russian aviator’s report that he had sighted the Ark from the air. From a cliff high on Ararat, they looked down upon a small valley. In a dense swamp lay what appeared to be a huge ship. A detailed report was sent to the Czar. A few days later, the Russian government was overthrown, so the fate of the report was declared unknown.

NAVARRA'S WOOD "DISCOVERY"

Frenchman Fernand Navarra climbed Ararat three times in the fifties. After his first expedition, he claimed to have seen an unusual dark patch within the ice, which was a ship's hull. The discovery was at approximately 14,000 feet altitude. During a third climb, on July 6, 1955, Navarra discovered hand-hewn timber on the slope.

NO REAL EVIDENCE

From numerous claimed sightings of the Ark this century, the belief grew that the Ark lay partly hidden by ice on a large ledge 13,000 to 15,000 feet up on Mount Ararat.

The public was fascinated. And I was "hooked" on the gigantic Mount Ararat as being the site.

In my scientific research I had investigated hundreds of archaeological reports and was well aware of the difference between anecdote and evidence.

One thing had been bothering me.

For more than seventy years, so many expeditions had failed to produce any hard evidence. Great stories were told, which captivated the listener; but of all the rumoured sightings, none had ever been authenticated. Photographs reportedly taken had either been lost or considered inconclusive.

Then my attention was drawn to the site twelve miles south of Mount Ararat proper - the site to which Ron Wyatt kept returning. Ron supplied a stunning piece of information - the "anchor stones". That got me started ... reluctantly. I was emotionally attached to the Mount Ararat site, to the rumours of a ship high up in a canyon half buried in ice. I didn't want to believe that THIS thing covered in mud on a plateau was the Ark.

"It's not rectangular," I objected. "All Ark reports say the Ark is rectangular." (However, the Bible account had not really stated the shape. So that argument wasn't so brilliant.)

THE ARARAT FILE

"BUT WHAT ABOUT ALL THOSE ARARAT SIGHTINGS?" I kept asking. What about the reports in Rene Noorbergen's *The Ark File*; in Tim

La Haye and John Morris' *The Ark on Ararat* and Violet Cummings' *Has Anybody Really Seen Noah's Ark?* - what about all these?

Painstaking research would eventually uncover the truth. And it wasn't pretty. Supposed documented eyewitness accounts would evaporate.

I learned that the Turkish government had meticulously observed the activities of all who had "looked for Noah's Ark" over the past 50 years. It was required that Turkish guides accompany each expedition. These guides reported back to government officials, who kept files on the reports. Thus the claims of expedition members could be checked against the facts recorded.

And can you wonder that the Turks were suspicious? Schliemann stole priceless treasures when he dug up Troy and others since had behaved similarly. So was it surprising that the Turks kept tabs on every Ararat expedition?

Information in the Turkish files showed that Navarra first took wood up Mount Ararat, and on the next visit in the company of witnesses "found" this wood "from the Ark".

As for the 1916-17 Roskovitsky (Russian) discovery story, it was an embarrassing reality that the original tale had been a complete fabrication by one Benjamin Allen. Its purpose: to raise funds for the Sacred History Research expedition in the forties.

Georgie Hagopian lived near Van about ninety miles from Ararat. Interviewed when he was an old man, he was "led" with questions. In truth, as a small child, he had been taken "up the mountain" (a mountain near Van - not Ararat) and while his uncle tended the flocks, he had sat Georgie on a big flat rock and said, "Here's Noah's Ark; you sit on it." In imagination the child was sitting on the Ark. In the interview many years later, the fantasy was relived.

THAT "ARK" MOVIE

And about that movie screened in the seventies which showed the Ark in a valley on Mount Ararat?

A gentleman named Elfred Lee PAINTED IN the boat-shape on to a photo of Ararat. That's right. And what is more, a gentleman named Sallier, who prepared a picture for the film *In Search of Noah's Ark*, took a tiny stone

about an inch high, shaped it into a model of the Ark, and placed it against some soil in a little dry wash-out about a foot high, in Utah. The film commentary stated: "This is in a canyon on Mount Ararat."

They also placed it against some snow and photographed it close up in such a way you couldn't tell how big it was. Talk about doing a snow job!

One man had his picture taken while he stood in the so-called "canyon" with the mini "Ark" beside him.

Some time later, Mr Lee told Mr Wyatt that "a Mr gave me \$500 to paint it in."

"MT. ARARAT? IMPOSSIBLE!"

Dr. M. Salih Bayraktutan, Turkish geologist, was reported in 1987 and 1988 as saying that "Mt. Big Ararat is volcanic and if the Ark landed there it would be under four to five thousand feet of lava. Furthermore, the hydrodynamics of a cone shape volcanic mountain would push the Ark away from it."⁽¹⁾

From pillow lava on Ararat (pillow lava forms under water), it is evident that Ararat was totally submerged **during** the Flood. Since the Flood waters did not reach 17,000 feet (Ararat's present height), this mountain has been raised higher **since** the Flood. Such a volcanic upheaval would in all likelihood have destroyed the Ark, had it been there.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY

Almost any unusual feature of the mountain is likely to be associated with the Ark by observers from the air, the plain or the nearby hills.

One series of climbs up the Ahora trail toward Kup Lake has revealed that what many thought may have been the Ark was simply a large rock spur.⁽²⁾

Of course many of the reported sightings could have been of the other site twelve miles south of Mount Ararat. Others would have misinterpreted such sightings as having been made on Mount Ararat.

ON A RANGE OF MOUNTAINS

My earlier question now demanded an answer: “Didn’t the Bible say the Ark was on Ararat?”

I leafed through to Genesis 8:4. There it was, now, as clear as distilled water: “And the ark rested... upon the **mountains** of Ararat.” Mountains, **plural**, indicating a **range** of mountains.

“So it landed **upon** a range of mountains!” I rang John Seymour, a friend who shared my passion for archaeology.

“Seems so,” said John dryly.

Now I knew what to do. I began to map out ancient place names, inscriptions and artefacts. Eventually it would be possible to recreate the exact navigational situation faced by Noah as the Ark came into the area and finally to rest.

Of course, many good people would continue to head for Greater Ararat, unaware that those anchor stones and inscriptions pinpointing a different location were highly significant.

Could the Ark really be upon another mountain of the Ararat region? Could it be covered up with mud?

That would certainly explain the strange sight that greeted the Assyrians c. 800 B.C. They called it Varuna’s House of Clay. They entered it at the surface. They explained it was three stories **deep** in the ground! Persian traditions described it as being nearly a horse run long (that is, nearly a stadia of 600 feet). It had wide avenues inside. They entered it and explored the three levels.

THE BOAT-SHAPED OBJECT IN THE CORRECT LOCATION

As I read this account, my curiosity was exploding. Perhaps there WERE clues still around. Ancient place names, if unchanged, could be pointers to past events. Such clues had sometimes led to discoveries.

I began to sift every available isolated piece of information. Five clues emerged.

1 That boat-shaped object was resting on Akyayla Dagi ("High White Plain") on a hill and close to the Kurdish village of Uzengili. That was definitely in the heart of the "mountains of Ararat" (as in Genesis 8:4) - a region, not a single peak. "Urartu" (same root as "Ararat") was the name of an ancient kingdom in this area. Thus, the Bible could be simply identifying the mountains of that kingdom, or region.

2 On this subject I found Moslem tradition to be of some help.

* It stated that the Ark came to rest upon the mountainous range of **Urartu**.

And this is where the object under discussion lay.

* It was said to be **on a hill**, not a tall peak.

This object likewise lay on a hill, not a tall peak.

* It was stated to be on the **hill's west side**.

Indeed, this object was on the hill's west side.

* The old tradition held that the Ark was alongside a **large rock**.

Interestingly, this present object was alongside a large rock, and impaled on it as well. If this were the Ark of which the Moslems spoke, then it had since been pushed sideways onto the rock by the alluvial mud flow that slid down to the east of it, resulting in the Ark's being almost completely covered.

* The Koran said that the Ark rested upon **AL-JUDI**.⁽³⁾

This boat-shaped object now rested on a plain on a mountain called by the locals AL-JUDI; its Turkish name was CUDI DAGI.⁽⁴⁾

3 The Assyrian king Ashurnasirpal II (883-859 B.C.) claimed that the Ark's resting place was **NISIR**.

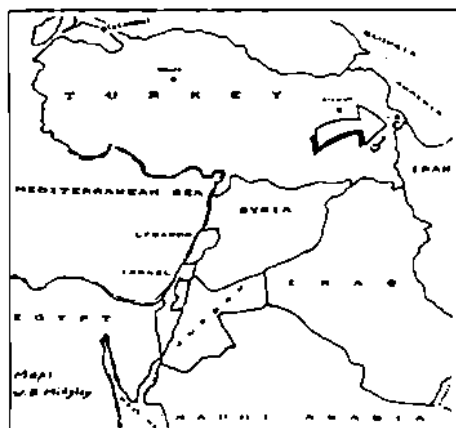
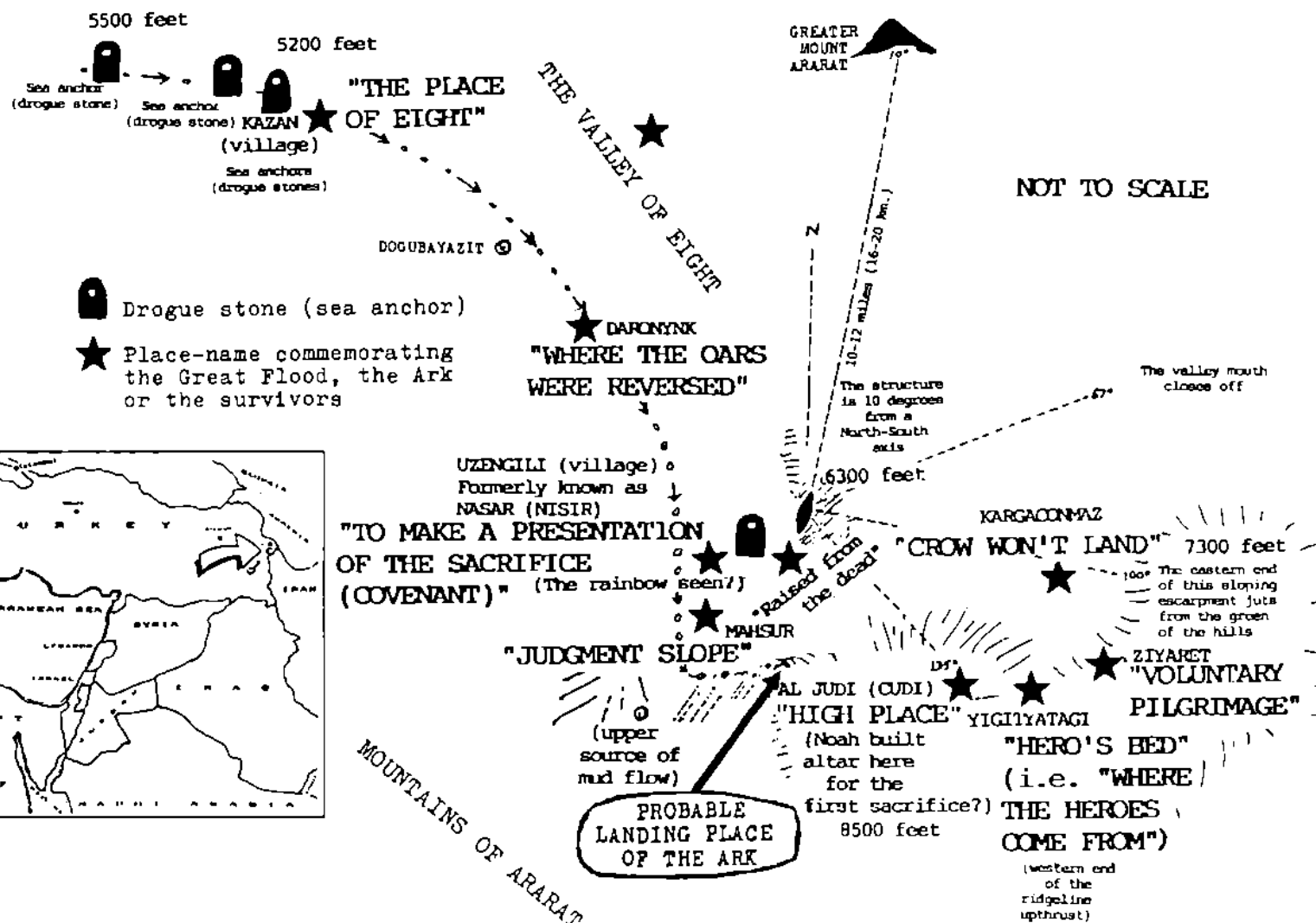
Less than 500 metres from this present object was a village now called Uzengili - and under it, according to older maps, lay SAR, or NASAR or NISIR.⁽⁵⁾

4 The Ark was reported to be on a **north-south** axis.

The boat-shaped object likewise was orientated just ten degrees from north-south.

5 Finally, many ancient place names in the vicinity seemed to allude to the story of the Great Flood and its survivors. I noted the following:

BIBLICAL ACCOUNT	LOCAL PLACE-NAMES
* The Flood was a divine judgment upon the whole antediluvian world. ⁽⁶⁾	The area of the slopes near the boat-shaped object is called MAHSER, which means "the last judgment day" . ⁽⁷⁾
* Toward the end of the Flood, Noah sent out a crow to test for the re-emergence of land. At first, with nowhere to stand, it kept returning; finally it did not return. ⁽⁸⁾	A nearby village bears the name KARGACONMAZ which means "the crow will not stand or return." ⁽⁹⁾
* The Ark eventually came to rest in the mountains.	The nearby castle of DARONYNK stands on a site whose name means "where the oars were reversed" .
* They emerged from the Ark as though from death, to start a new world.	The field where this object rests is called MAHSUR ("raised from the dead"). ⁽¹⁰⁾
* And Noah built an altar and offered a sacrifice of thanksgiving to God.	The nearby village once bore the name NASAR, which means "to make a presentation or a sacrifice" . ⁽¹¹⁾
* Historians tell us that pilgrims journeyed to this site in ages past.	A point above the head of the valley is called ZIYARET DOG ("voluntary pilgrimage"). ⁽¹²⁾
* The company who survived the Flood were long considered by the ancient world as the heroes of man.	The closer end of the ridge is named YIGITYATAGI ("hero's bed"), i.e. "the habitat of heroes" or "Where the heroes come from" . ⁽¹³⁾
* Eight human survivors emerged from the Ark into this valley.	The valley which stretches down from here was anciently known as "The Region of Eight" . ⁽¹⁴⁾ Lower in this valley, near some ancient grave markers bearing iconographs of eight persons, stands KAZAN or ARZEP, a village known as "The Place of Eight" .



The coincidences were becoming too numerous to ignore. What they suggested was breathtaking.

PLACE NAMES ARE A KEY TO HISTORY

Of this I was certain. Ancient place names were found to be among the most imperishable of human things.

This persistence of ancient place names had been fully recognised by leading archaeologists as a “safe” means of recovering ancient history.⁽¹⁵⁾

“STOP WYATT”

Meanwhile, Ron Wyatt’s on site investigation was beginning to raise alarm in certain quarters. In San Diego, California, two men met to discuss the problem. One was the promoter of a Greater Ararat Ark search expedition. It is believed that the other man was a prominent “Ark” writer.

“Wyatt must be stopped,” urged the first man.

The second man hesitated. “I don’t know,” said he, soberly. “There are rules...”

“I’ll find a way,” announced the other, “no matter what it takes.”

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MIRACLE ON DOOMSDAY HILL

"I don't know what to do," said Ron, upon his return home in 1977. "The Ark is totally buried. It's just too big for me to uncover." (A comparable size would be that of a medium-sized U.S. Navy aircraft carrier.)

He spoke to a small group of trusted friends. They decided to pray for an earthquake - one that would somehow expose the object for what it was, but would not injure anybody.

... On November 25, 1978 at 10.57 local time, an earthquake **PUSHED THE OBJECT OUT OF THE GROUND**. Its walls were now upthrust some twenty feet out of the earth.

Nobody was killed.

The villagers were no strangers to earthquakes. This one was considered "abnormal." It was "preceded by the sky turning **silver**! Everyone was in the streets, looking up at the strange phenomenon; they were all outside. So nobody was killed."⁽¹⁾ This earthquake was described as "not normal," and a **mu'cise**! A miracle!⁽²⁾

From its tomb, Wyatt's "Ark" was upthrust; the field was known locally as **Mahsur** - which means "**raised from the dead**!"⁽³⁾ A sign for this generation?

The hill itself had long been called **Mahser**, which means "**The last judgment**."⁽⁴⁾ Resurrected as a sign of the end times?

First that "lure", the silver sky. Then, when everyone was safely outside, the earthquake - as requested. Think about that!

In the nearby village people shook their heads. "It's a bad omen," said some. "Let's get out of here!" And twenty households got up and left.

Soon after this, the name of the village was changed. Its new name meant "STIR-UP". "That boat thing," moaned a local farmer, "it came up and RUINED MY FIELD."

Within months, Ron Wyatt was on site. When he had visited the previous year, the object was distinctly visible, but the sides were even with the surrounding terrain. The recent earthquake had dropped the solidified mudflow from around the object. This had revealed the sides and "rib timbers". (In succeeding seasons, the covering mud would erode away, leaving behind exposed ends of columns projecting out from within the walls.)



BEFORE THE 1978 EARTHQUAKE:
Early air view showing break in right side.
(The London Daily Telegraph)



AFTER THE 1978 EARTHQUAKE:
Risen abruptly from the ground (or the ground has sunk); the metal detector equipment in place
(Ahmet Ali Arslan)

While popular expeditions continued to focus on Mount Ararat proper, Ron kept returning to this rejected site, some twelve miles to the south. He would return more than thirty times.

CHEMICAL TESTS

Working quietly so as not to arouse suspicion, he took samples. The results were confirmed by Galbraith Laboratories of Knoxville, Tennessee:

Carbon content: "The soil from the formation tested at 4.95% while the soil from the field around the formation tested at 1.88%. This degree of difference is consistent with the prior presence of some organic matter (like wood) in the formation."⁽⁵⁾

Metallic content: August, 1984: Although a metal detector gave no reading at all in the field surrounding the object, there were positive indications over the formation. The metal appeared to be in a pattern.

Repeated chemical tests of different samples, taken at different times by different people and analyzed at different laboratories, gave similar results.

Nevertheless Wyatt's claim that it was the Ark was met with skepticism. Several times he sought permission to excavate. Each time the Turkish government refused.

ANOTHER CLAIMS THE DISCOVERY

On his 1984 expedition, Ron was accompanied by Colonel Jim Irwin (the astronaut), Marvin Steffins, Bulant Atalay, "Whatcha" McCullum, and a Turkish military escort.

A few days later, Steffins called a news conference and, displaying some bags of specimens, claimed for himself the discovery of "Noah's Ark".

A MARINE EXPERT ARRIVES

In March 1985, Ron took David Fasold with him. Fasold was an ex-merchant marine officer with a master's licence, a man with long underwater diving and salvage experience. He brought with him a molecular-frequency scanner, which operates on the same principle as the

CAT scanner used in hospitals, to locate and measure foreign growths. Fasold had long worked with side-scanning subsurface radar for identifying underwater wrecks.

They reached the crest of a hill and looked down.

"I was completely stunned!" reports Fasold. "Christian and Moslem paused on the crest in reverence of what lay below them, dark brown against the snow. Wracked and distorted, yet preserved for the end of the age, were THE WALLS OF A SHIP PROJECTING UPWARD SOME TWENTY FEET OUT OF THE EARTH."⁽⁶⁾

Soon he was standing below it. "I found myself suddenly dwarfed by the unnatural sight of the bows of a great ship thrust from the loam." Fasold was convinced that, whether underwater or under earth, "I KNOW A SHIP WHEN I SEE ONE."

A LINEAR SUB-SURFACE PATTERN

Several types of metal detector gave the same results. Indications of iron showed up in traceable lines crisscrossed by other lines at definite intervals. Ron suggested these might be remains of great nails used to fasten beams; or perhaps they were metal brackets.

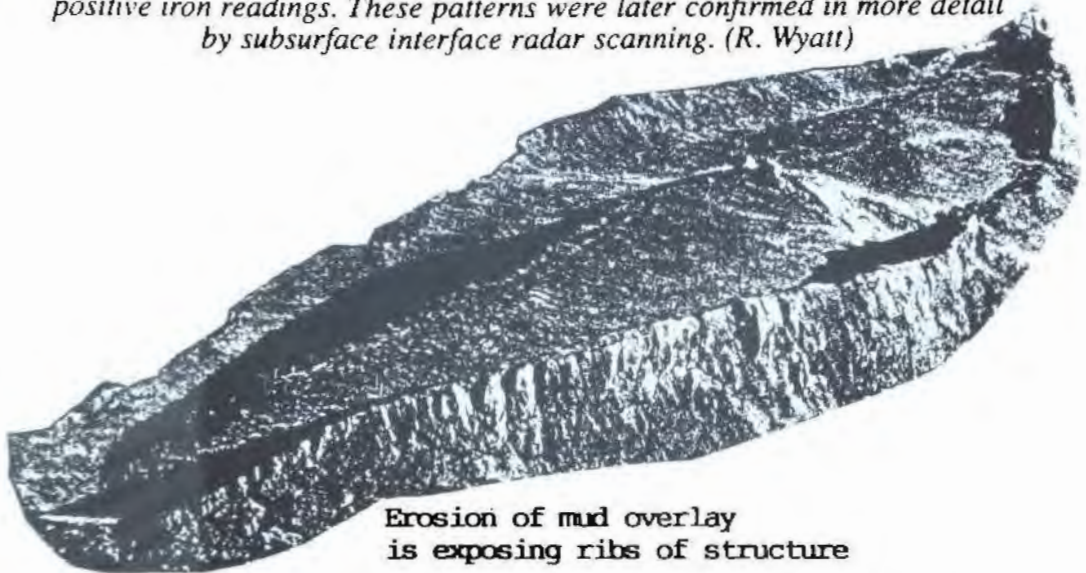
In May, Wyatt and Fasold returned, this time with John Baumgardner, a geophysicist from the Los Alamos Research Lab in New Mexico. **Several types of metal detector** were used and the pattern they indicated was recorded by laying coloured strips of tape along the lines they delineated, both lengthwise and crosswise in relation to the formation. This pattern was then measured, drawn and video-taped.

In August, five days were spent thoroughly mapping subsurface patterns where the metal detectors again gave positive readings. Tapes were laid over the formation where the metal detectors provided positive readings. Those present were Wyatt, Fasold, Baumgardner, Tom Anderson and a cameraman.

It was found that 13 internal, parallel lines suddenly doubled into 26. This occurred at the transverse lines, just as a builder today would lay a floor joist. The lengthwise parallel lines converged the closer they got to the pointed end. Finally they came together.



Tapes laid out during metal detector testing. Rocks mark locations of positive iron readings. These patterns were later confirmed in more detail by subsurface interface radar scanning. (R. Wyatt)



**Erosion of mud overlay
is exposing ribs of structure**

The lines were so evenly spaced you could measure the distance between them.

Fasold was later asked by Charles Berlitz: "What do you consider the most convincing proof of the ship-like formation being the Ark?"

"I say it is the thirteen longitudinal lines, on which you get an iron reading every thirty to forty centimetres," he replied, "and the nine transverse lines. Remember that the Babylonian description of the Ark described it as having **nine** divisions."⁽⁷⁾

DISTORTED BY AN "INTRUSION"

Interestingly, the object was impaled by a huge rock on its western side. Around the rock impalement area, the lines were greatly distorted. The twisting of these lines around the rock looked like signs of damage.

The rock appeared to be an intrusion, that had damaged the object and was foreign to the symmetry of the whole. This suggested that the object had been pushed sideways by the mud flow into the rock outcropping.

METAL DETECTOR TESTS: "A SHIP"

If the metal detector equipment was reliable, this object was almost certainly a ship.

"LET'S SABOTAGE IT"

While the layout of the site progressed smoothly, a group of thirty Turkish Commandos protected the men. Turkish Intelligence expected that an attempt was to be made to kidnap either Colonel Irwin or Ron Wyatt. The Commandos hid in the surrounding countryside.

Presently a group of Iranian terrorists appeared. The Commandos rose up from the surrounding crevices and mowed down five of them. But three Turks were killed.

Martial law was declared in the area and a planned radar scan of the formation had to wait.

RADAR SCANS SHOW THE SAME PATTERN

In July of 1986, ten preliminary ground-penetrating radar scans showed, with refined detail, the same pattern picked up by the metal detectors. Reportedly, there were clear outlines of closed sections, beams and cross beams and what appeared to be "collapsed decks".

Scans were made in "three dimension" - lengthwise, crosswise and laterally along the side.

The side scan revealed both vertical and horizontal members. There appeared to be an interlaced or interwoven pattern in the side of the object, very evenly distributed.

Fasold reports: "We all drew close to the graphic recorder in silence. Even the Kurds who had arrived on the site from the village pressed for the advantage to see.

"There were a total of fifteen walls. The thirteen that had shown on the frequency generator could now be seen to fall within the western and eastern bulwarks. They went down over the entire length of the paper into its interior. At slightly less than what might be three feet under the surface, the walls or posts extended upward from a **floor!**

"The picture was so clear that the end sections of the flooring could be seen as square blocks segmented together between the walls. I counted six of these beam ends separating the space between them."⁽⁸⁾

Those present with Ron Wyatt and David Fasold included Baumgardner, Anderson, Mrs Baumgardner, Dr. William Shea, Tod Fisher and Scott Snider.

Two subsurface radar systems were used.

Archaeologist Shea remarked, "The pattern is exactly what you would expect from a ship. You have the keel represented, you have parallel lines representing keelsons, you have transverse lines of the bulkheads, and other reinforcing lines of a ship."

A full-length radar scan would have to wait until a later visit.

Meanwhile, there were other exciting finds.

SINISTER PLANS

Someone has said that if you tread on the devil's toes, he will react.

Ron Wyatt was treading on toes. A reaction was inevitable.

Plans were being set in place. It would not be long now.

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VITAL SIGNS

VERTICAL “RIBS”

As the formation weathered, a series of vertical striations was appearing more prominently along both sides. These “ribs” or columns remained encased in mud. The exposed ends of the columns were 3 to 4 feet wide. The mud matrix between them not only protected them, but formed a footpath as well.

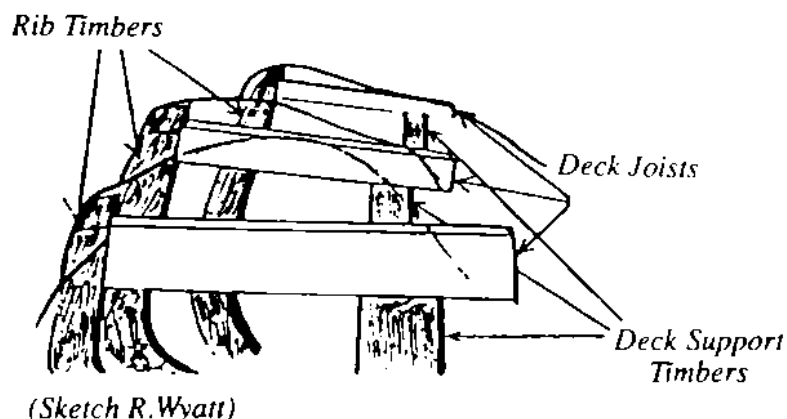
Using two types of metal detectors, these “ship’s ribs” gave positive readings, while the spaces between them gave negative readings.

“DECK SUPPORT BEAMS”

At the lower left end of the structure were regularly spaced black protrusions, visible at the surface. Close up they looked like big rocks, projecting out from the mud-covered walls. But then something was noticed. It was quite startling.

1. They were in perfect alignment. They were directly opposite one another on each side of the formation.
2. They were perfectly horizontal (despite the rock damage distortion on the western side).

Each “beam” was about 5 feet around. And radar showed that directly under each “beam” was a support upright. To put it another way, the horizontal “beams” lined up with the vertical “ribs”. (Over the rest of the



structure, these were protected by overburden, and the radar showed them to be more intact.)

The team scraped off mud from the south end of the object (what they were pleased to call the “prow”) and a **lattice work** of “ribs” and five horizontal “beams” was exposed and photographed.

The interior of the formation sloped downward from its sides toward the centre, as if the “deck” were still attached to the sides, but carrying a terrific weight had collapsed it in the middle - under the mound of broken “above-deck” structure.

“LAMINATED DECK TIMBER”

“Have a look at this,” urged Ron. “Pick it up. See? Heavy, right? I tell you that weighs 36 pounds. It’s petrified deck timber.”

I examined it carefully. “It looks laminated, Ron. Is this really from that old site?”

“I’ll tell you how I got it,” he replied.

It turned out that Governor Serket Ekinici of the Turkish province of Agri had asked Ron to do a radar scan to locate a piece of loose timber, something they could dig up to verify that it was indeed timber.

With Turkish journalists and officials present, they located a piece which appeared small enough to retrieve. It was broken and angled up toward the surface. A military official dug where the radar indicated and they found the piece.

The sample was three feet under the surface. It took 30 to 40 minutes to retrieve.

The governor presented it to Wyatt for testing.

At Galbraith Labs in Knoxville, Tennessee, tests proved it to have enough **organic carbon** to be petrified wood. It also showed an iron content of 13%.

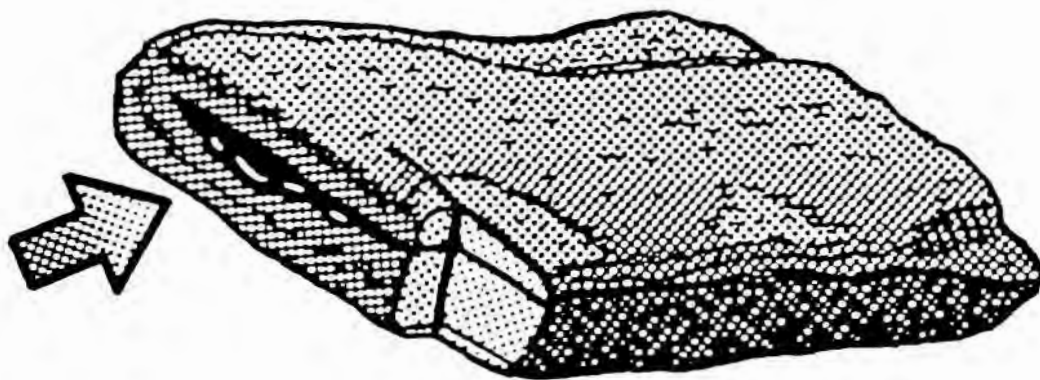
What could that iron mean? Ron wondered. Then it hit him. This could be the result of the metal materials used to construct the "vessel", being replaced in the timber as it underwent the petrification process.

There was more! When a section was cut from the specimen, it was clear that three separate layers of wooden board were laminated. That is, they were glued one upon another to provide extra strength.

Upon examination, these characteristics were noted:

1. A radial strie;
2. Wood fibres, with the grain showing on all surfaces of the part that had been sectioned open;
3. The bark of the wood separate from the heart of the wood;
4. The glue between the layers of laminated wood being apparently of a resinous material. (It had squeezed out.)

Thin sections were cut from this deck timber for microscopic examination.



*Petrified wood, believed to be
laminated deck timber
(R. Wyatt)*

ANGLE BRACKET

With excitement, Dr. John Baumgardner walked down the top of the wall with the metal detector going beep... beep every two or three steps. With the trained eye of a scientist he suddenly shouted, "Undecomposed iron!"⁽¹⁾

Fasold ran in close with the video recorder. There in the wall, surrounded by mud, was a perfectly rectangular beam end and from it projected what appeared to be iron flakes which had given the signals.

Earlier he had held in his hand a piece of wrought iron. It was a stretched and hammered angle bracket, with the grain clearly visible. The angle bracket was tested by the Los Alamos National Laboratory. It showed 91.84% FE203.

"RIVETS"

Confirming the existence of metal at regular intervals, Baumgardner said he believed metal to be at the points where these lines intersected.⁽²⁾

More physical evidence would emerge in June, 1991. At that time, the head of a rivet would be found by Ron, in the presence of 26 witnesses, whose names and signatures remain on record.

Analysis of the rivet would show it to be an alloy of titanium, aluminium, iron and other metals. The most important discovery would be the difference in carbon content in the actual rivet and in material just one centimetre away. Though the carbon amount was small, the difference between the rivet and the adjacent material was more than a thousand percent - actually 1,350%. **This showed a distinct difference in material**, according to the lab notes. This would be consistent with the presence of **fossilised wood surrounding the rivet**. (The tests were made at Teledyne-Allvac, in Charlotte, NC.)

These rivets, appearing at regular intervals along the structure, were seen to be attached **in groups of seven**.

It was believed that the metal rivets had been inserted through two timbers at their cross joints. A metal plate was then fitted over the intersection, the rivets inserted through the metal plate, and then struck while hot to fold over.

Ron told me, excitedly, "There are thousands of these large metal plates, predominantly of iron, fixing the wooden lengths. These must be what the metal detectors are picking up."

METAL RODS

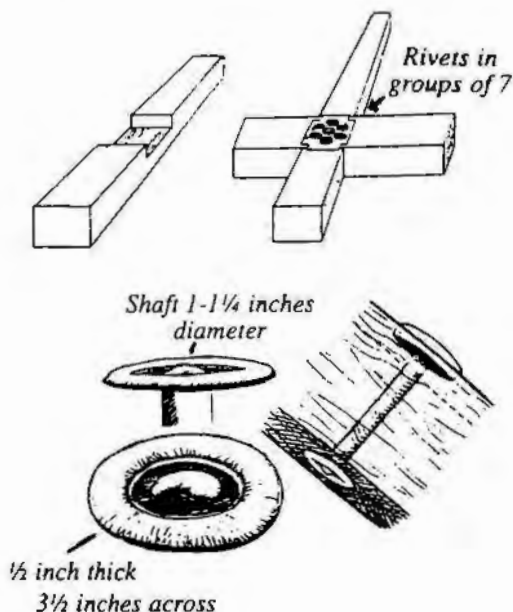
After returning from Turkey, Baumgardner gave a fifty-minute talk to employees of the Los Alamos National Laboratory. "We're convinced this does represent the remains of a large boat," he said.

He reported that since the American team's recent visit (recent in 1986) the Turkish government had sent an archaeological group to the site and recovered **four intact metal rods with these same type heads**. Each was about four feet long. They had also recovered petrified wood and other metal objects. These were now in the custody of the Ministry of Mines and Minerals.

Just a minute, I hear someone say. Noah couldn't have used iron... Really? Perhaps it's time to look at the fresh evidence coming in from around the world. Long before the so-called "Iron Age", human technology was incredibly advanced. In my book *Dead Men's Secrets* some astonishing evidence of this is recorded. And David Fasold concurs.⁽³⁾



*What is believed to be petrified
rivet and washer structures
(Collection of R. Wyatt)*



CORE DRILLS

Soon after this, a member of the Turkish Noah's Ark Commission, a man from Erzurum University, drilled four holes in the structure - AND INTO A CHAMBER! In three of four drills, limonite (iron oxide) was identified. Ron Wyatt suggested that this could indicate metal rusting.

Ron drilled and found STRUCTURES precisely where the detectors showed them. He then drilled where the scanners showed **no** structure and the drill WENT STRAIGHT THROUGH.

It happened toward the southern end. Ron was drilling with a two inch bit. The bit went in about five or six feet and hit something.

"Oh, I've broken the bit!" he exclaimed. "Must have hit a beam or rivet, or something."

He pulled out the drill and replaced the broken item with a one inch bit. Then he tried again, this time going in at a slight angle.

"That's better," he mumbled. Retrieving it once more, he followed up with a larger, four inch bit. It went past the edge of the obstruction INTO A CAVITY!

"Hey, guys!" he shouted excitedly. "No doubt about it. THERE ARE COMPARTMENTS IN THERE!"

"LOST" IN CALIFORNIA

... "Well, that's another trip completed," sighed Baumgardner, as they headed home.

"Yes," added his friend, the Californian lawyer in the party. "By the way, Ron, why don't you give me your films. I can get them processed back home for free."

"Great!" exclaimed Ron.

"May I borrow that piece of wood you dug up?" asked Baumgardner. "I'll test it."

Ron Wyatt was pleased. A great team, this lot. So helpful. And that piece of petrified timber had a spike through it. That was something special.

The worst part was that waiting time, waiting for the films and test results. Did those days drag!

At last the phone call. John Baumgardner, usually cautious, was bubbling with excitement. "I did a section on that wood. This is fantastic! It's the real thing!"

"Then don't risk posting it," said Ron. "I'll be over in a month."

... Ron was in Baumgardner's office. "John, I've come for the petrified timber."

"I don't know what you're talking about," said Baumgardner, reportedly.

"But you said..."

"I know nothing about it."

Ron quickly rang the lawyer concerning the films. Sorry, they had disappeared too.

Gentle warnings. A storm was brewing.

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- 1 Ron Wyatt, *Discovered: Noah's Ark*. Nashville, TE.: World Bible Society, 1989, p.19
 - 2 Wyatt, p.20. David Fasold records that in a broadcast aired August 27, 1985, on NBC's "Close-Up," Baumgardner stated that "metal detector data... indicates an orderly pattern of metal underground at the site." Fasold, p.247
 - 3 Gen.4:22 implies that **before** the Great Flood there were iron foundries. The so-called "Iron Age" is a misconception. See Fasold, pp.256-260. Also: Jonathan Gray, *Dead Men's Secrets*. Adelaide, Australia: Educational Seminar Services, P.O. Box 3370, Grenfell Street, Adelaide, 5000. 1988, pp.127-137

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JOURNEY INTO DANGER

the
DEVASTATING
SHOCK
that almost made
him give up

"Sheer madness," screamed the police officer. "The roads are closed. The blizzard's getting worse."

"But I have to go!" Ron exclaimed.

"Unless it's a life or death situation, stay off the roads," warned the officer.

Ron knew that he had to go. He didn't know why, or for whom. He went.

In the early hours of that bleak December morning, as was his custom, Ron Wyatt had asked his Lord to lead him to someone who was in real need. Immediately came the strong impression that he must drive to Columbia, Kentucky. That was a good two and a half hours from his Nashville home. In good weather, that is.

The roads were deserted... and slippery. His 1976 Dodge Maxi Van had chronic fan belt problems. It was several long hours of miserable driving. He began to resent the whole thing.

Then his conscience began to trouble him. He began to pray that God would forgive him for his rebellious feeling and not let someone go without needed help just because Ron was, as he put it, "a jerk".

Suddenly, from the median of the toll road, staggered a dark form, falling and struggling to get to the side Wyatt was travelling on. Slowing down to see if it was a hurt animal, he realised it was a person! With a feeble wave, the man signalled Ron to stop.

He was badly frozen.

Ron helped him into the van. "What are you doing out there without a car?"

The man's speech slurred; the cold had thickened his tongue. He slowly raised his arm and pointed to the median; he HAD a car was what he was trying to say.

Jumping out of the van, Ron crossed the road. Sure enough, buried deep in the snow, sat a red compact car.

"There's no way we can get it out of there," Ron said.

"Would you please just try," the man pleaded.

Clearing the snow from the top and sides, Ron found a chain. He secured it around the back axle and stretched it. "Father," he prayed, "if You want this car out of the snow, You are going to have to do it. I sure can't."

At that exact moment, down the east lane of the road, which had been entirely free of traffic all those hours, appeared the headlights of two cars. They slowed to a stop.

"Can we help you?" asked one of them. And out poured eight young men. Nobody else in these cars - just eight strong, young men.

Within seconds, the car was up on the road.

"A piece of cake," someone said. Then they piled into their cars and drove off.

Puzzled at having missed their approach, Ron now watched them leave. In a dip in the highway, they disappeared from sight. However, they never arose from that dip! There was no exit for at least two miles, and they hadn't turned around; they had simply vanished into thin air!

The man's car engine started easily. "Do you believe in God, mister?" he asked, with almost pleading eyes.

Over an hour later, still sitting in the van, the man, with tears rolling down his face, had at last found the answer to his questions.

"How can I explain all of this to my wife and children?" he asked. And Ron handed him a copy of his favourite book, *The Story of Redemption*. Suddenly, Ron realised what this trip had been all about.

Ron confessed he was an addict. If he did not experience such a "divine encounter" for his Lord every week, he would go into a state of depression. Then he knew he had to ask God to show him what was hindering him from being useful. Once he had straightened out that problem in his relationship with God, he was able to bear witness again.

It was for such encounters - sharing the love of his Lord with others - that Ron had an addiction.

THE WARNING

Meanwhile, Ron Wyatt's "Ark" project was upsetting more applecarts.

Exposure was the last thing some wanted. And now he'd done it. He'd actually said it. He'd called the 40 to 50 year history of the Ark "a quagmire of misquotations, outright lies, theft, fabrication and fraud."

Strange events were about to break.

Ron picked up the receiver. It was his friend Rene Noorbergen. "Ron, what are you doing? Don't step on any toes, man!" Noorbergen had been a prime mover in getting the 1960 expedition off the ground. He had accompanied Wyatt to the Red Sea and written about Ron's exploits to Israel.

"It's sour grapes, Rene, I know it," said the archaeologist. "Some would like to see me fall flat on my face, so they could claim the discovery as their own."

"There are some."

"Don't you see, Rene, that's why I've taken so much time to do proper research and to share every find with the Turkish government."

"You're thorough, I'll give you that."

"Rene, if this find is genuine, then the other site is not."

"OK, so you're exposing a fraud. But do you know what that means? It'll get messy. Some men have raised a fortune in cash from the public through promoting the Greater Ararat mountain as the Ark site. Men of importance. Reputations are at stake."

Noorbergen had put his finger on it. And while one should not belittle the efforts of others genuinely seeking the Ark, this WAS an emotionally charged issue.

CHANGE OF MIND

Of course, there were other reasons for rejecting Wyatt's claims.

Reportedly, John Baumgardner would later declare: "Ron Wyatt cannot

have found the Ark. God wouldn't choose a man who doesn't speak in tongues!"

Baumgardner was asked by a theology professor at a Church of Christ seminary, "Why did you change your mind?" Hearing Baumgardner's reply, the professor declared, "It seems to me that your reasons for accepting Wyatt's 'Ark' were more compelling than the reasons you have just given for rejecting it."

Mary Nell Wyatt put down the phone. And she knew it. Her father had experience in these things.

"Ron," she called out, "our phone is bugged. We'll have to be careful what we say, from now on."

"DESTROY WYATT"

The word got around that somebody had hired a private detective to dig up what they could on Ron and Mary Nell.

The order was out, "Destroy Wyatt."

At great personal cost, Ron stuck to his story that he had found the Ark.

It was known that Wyatt kept some important papers in a safe place - just in case. He had confided to one friend - a prominent "Ark" writer - and another well-known "Ark" identity, the location.

The break-in occurred on a dark night. It didn't take long. Two men climbed out of the building and the documents were never seen again.

DEADLIEST GAME

I have no desire to condemn these men. There is hope that they may do a U-turn. From now on, I shall call one of them, simply, N.R. The most sinister move in this deadly game was now to occur.

"I'm off to Saudi Arabia," confided Ron. "It's that other project - you know the one."

"Safe travelling, my friend," N.R. replied. "You'll let me know how it goes?"

N.R. put down the receiver and dialled another number.

It was all fixed. "Good," smiled N.R. "We'll never see Wyatt again."

... "Would you please come with us," said two Saudi officials. "Into the car."

Ron and his two sons were stunned. "What's wrong?" Ron asked.

"You're under arrest."

Spies! The Saudis actually thought they were spies! How could this happen? Ron turned pleadingly to one who looked like the Chief Executioner. Silence!

Prison is never pleasant, especially when your own sons are with you and you realise that you may be there a very long time... He almost lost hope. Not quite.

It turned out to be 78 long, long days. And then release came only through the intervention of astronaut James Irwin.

Immediately Wyatt confronted the authorities.

"Why did you arrest us?" he asked.

"You were reported to be spies," was the Saudi's response.

"Whoever told you that?"

The reply sent a shiver down his spine. "A man named N.R. phoned our embassy in Washington and warned us that you were about to enter Saudi Arabia and that you were Israeli spies."

"Dad, you trusted N.R.," cried Danny. "He came with us on expeditions. He wrote about you. He's our friend!"

Ronny shuddered. That man knew we could be sentenced to DEATH!"

How vile can this get? Ron wondered.

BETRAYAL

The telephone rang. It was the publisher, MacMillan.

"Mr Wyatt, you signed a contract with Mr N.R. to write another book. But in it he's claiming the 'Ark' as his own discovery. We think you'd better

straighten this out. We don't want you or David Fasold to get us embroiled in a law suit."

For a while Ron shrank from it. "Oh, Father," he prayed, "will You please help me in this?"

N.R. did not expect to hear from Ron Wyatt. What a bombshell! And right there on the phone he suffered a stroke.

That man would experience five strokes - and be removed from inflicting any more harm.

TOP SECRET

But there would be other enemies. Attempts to sabotage the "Ark" project would not let up.

So it was that the first time ever I had spoken to Ron, he had kept saying, "Please, no advance publicity. You won't say a word?" It was almost an obsession.

"You have my promise," I replied.

"It would be detrimental to the coming trip to have anything aired until after we've left the site. With so much unrest in the Middle East, we don't want any attention focused on us while we have expensive equipment on the site."

So right, I thought. That could be downright dangerous.

It was happening that whenever Ron Wyatt let people know he was going to Turkey, somebody was sending messages to the Turkish press. It would get into print that Wyatt was entering Turkey with money for Kurdish terrorists. To his horror, Ron sourced the reports as emanating from Ark search rivals in the U.S.A.

Ron's rapport with the Turkish authorities was not at stake. However, as they told him, "We cannot stop these press releases coming in." What the ordinary Turk might believe, now that was another matter.

"So can I trust you to say nothing until it's over?" pleaded Ron.

The man had been hurt so much, I felt for him.

"You can count on it," I assured him.

"Then join me. Help me uncover the Ark."

THE AMBUSH

It was agreed with the Turkish authorities that a dig into the boat-shape should commence in the Northern summer of 1991. A year of preparation followed, involving complex planning and consultation with the Turkish government, its embassies in three countries, and with various international bodies, all of which would play their part in making the expedition possible.

The party arrived in Turkey. With Ron Wyatt were three others, including Australian Dr. Allen Roberts.

"Can't get the excavation permit until tomorrow," announced Ron. "What say we kill time and explore those mountains to the south."

A fateful move. They were still on the road as night fell. Suddenly their mini-bus was surrounded.

"Get out, all of you!" shouted a bearded gunman.

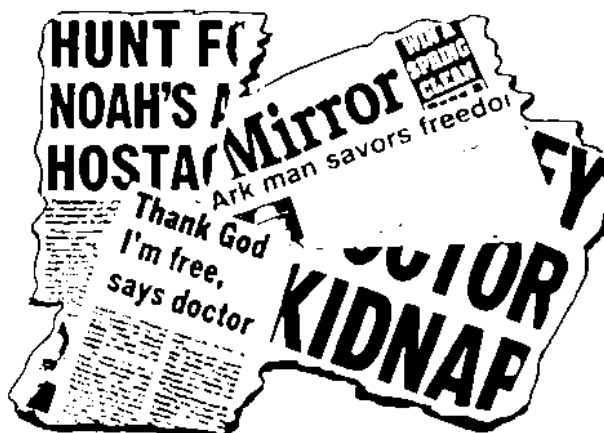
These are Kurdish terrorists, thought Ron. He felt his stomach knotting. They're taking us hostage!

That night, August 30, 1991 to be precise, would be the start of a three week ordeal. Their captors marched them by night through the rugged mountains the Turks called Black Hell. By day they were hid at gunpoint as helicopters and 4,000 ground soldiers searched for them, without success.

When they were released on September 21, they knew that the excavation had to wait.

Wyatt and two colleagues returned home to the United States and Roberts to Australia.

Ron had tried to keep his expedition quiet until the job was done. But the kidnapping blew it into world headlines. When Dr. Roberts got back to Australia with the evidence not yet in, the vultures descended upon him.



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THE ROBERTS INCIDENT

IN AUSTRALIA, IT'S A 'WAR'
OVER A LUMP OF 'ROCK'
14,000 KM AWAY.
The big guns
are out.

"OH NO! This can't be happening!" the lady gasped. "What's he up to?"

The crowd sat... mute as death. All eyes were on the man in the audience who had jumped to his feet.

"I'M TAKING OVER THIS MEETING," he yelled. "AND I'M CLAIMING ALL MONIES PAID AT THE DOOR!"

That night in April, 1992 - the ninth, to be precise - was cool as Tasmanian evenings go. Noah's Ark "crank," Dr. Allen Roberts, recently released by Kurdish kidnappers, was speaking at Hobart University. He was to present evidence suggesting that a "boat" may have been found in the mountains of eastern Turkey.

Roberts' project had a name: the Noah's Ark Research Project.

Several days earlier, a man walked into the office of the Corporate Affairs Commission and made a title search. He discovered that the name "Noah's Ark Research Project" was not registered in Tasmania. He promptly registered it in his own name. That man was Ian Plimer, Professor of Earth Sciences at Melbourne University.

Mingling with the crowd on the night of April 9, he made his way into the auditorium and selected a seat under a strong light. This would make him highly visible when the time came. Good for the Channel Nine T.V. cameras, too.

He was allegedly "wired for sound".⁽¹⁾ A camera from Channel Nine's *A Current Affair* was focused on him and ready.

At the right moment, he stood up. "I am taking over this meeting," he announced. "The name 'Noah's Ark Research Project' belongs to me. I claim all monies paid to Dr. Roberts tonight!"

The camera zoomed in for the kill.

On stage with Roberts was David Mitchell, the meeting chairman. He rose to his feet.

"I am the chaplain of the university," he said. "I booked this hall in my own name - and Dr. Roberts is here to speak under my auspice."

The interjector froze. The take-over attempt had fizzled.

Of course, had the plot succeeded, this whole exciting drama may well have gone to air. The T.V. folk discreetly cut it out. So viewers would see only what happened next.

The man soon recovered his poise. "I'm not satisfied," he shouted. "I want my money back! I want my money back!"

Getting nasty now! Great stuff!! The cameras moved in to make a big fuss as two burly policemen tried to "harass" the poor man. Escorted toward the exit, he screamed, "I WANT MY MONEY BACK! I WANT MY MONEY BACK!"

Dr Roberts left the platform and hurried down the aisle. Thrusting his hand into the till, he grabbed the first note in the pile and stuffed it into the man's top pocket.

"Here's your money. Go in peace," he said.

A camera zoomed in. The man took out the note and waved it. "LOOK, HE'S GIVEN ME \$50. I only paid \$4. HE'S TRYING TO BRIBE ME! HE'S TRYING TO BRIBE ME!"

(In its wisdom, *A Current Affair* saw no point in interviewing the others. You know, those who **did not** want their money back. The majority, probably.)

Now *A Current Affair* moved in to appraise Roberts himself. His doctorate, it was pointed out, was acquired at a private Christian university, not a government accredited institution. Well, that does stretch the man's credibility, now, doesn't it?

(The reporter was tight-lipped about one thing: Freedom University was one of many independent institutions of high standards across the United States which were deemed officially acceptable without the kind of

registration that brought government control. Two of the most prestigious of these were Yale and Harvard.)

“BRING ON THE GEOLOGIST”

Now it was time to bring on a mighty thinker.

Interviewed in a nice white coat and backed by shelves of books, with a fossil or two and a microscope beside him, the bearded geologist looked very wise.

It was his educated, considered and scholarly opinion that this thing in Turkey was nothing more than a natural rock formation. Boat-shaped formations were common all over the world, you know.

Really, he was quite helpful to the Ark searchers. He offered them this gem of wisdom: “For all the good it will do them, Ark searchers might as well go to Africa or New Zealand and excavate boat-shaped rocks.”

Very sedate and calm did he appear. That evoked confidence. Indeed, one could conclude that those who believed the Bible were simpletons, deluded, weirdos, or the whole three.

To demonstrate impartiality, *A Current Affair* brought on experts for the other side - two old ladies protesting “the Bible **has** to be true.” (Not old wives’ tales, you see.)

If one was waiting to see the pivotal stuff - Roberts’ expedition evidence - alas! No time, presumably. Or perhaps one should not be concerned with such trifles as FACTS?

A Roberts-hater was given the last say: “This Ark man and his kind are only racing about all over the world in a desperate bid to prove the Bible true.”

So ended the T.V. report. Accurate. Fair. Slanted to assist informed public debate.

A ROCK FORMATION?

Let’s all be skeptics! It sure is a lot of fun.

A few days later, John Lovering, a geologist with the Flinders University

of South Australia, went on Philip Satchell's ABC Radio show to confirm that the Turkish site was, indeed, just a natural rock formation.

I later quizzed John whether he had been there.

"No," he confessed, "but I have flown over it. And it's a pretty good boat imitation. Natural rock, of course."

"Yes, it does appear so," I agreed. "On the surface. But did you know, John, that since the geologists went there, geochemists have analysed the rock and identified it as DECOMPOSED CEMENT?"

His response jolted me. "I'm a geochemist as well," he retorted. "And you **can't tell** the difference between natural and man-made."

"WHAT? But you just said, Professor, that you **can** tell the difference. Didn't you say quite emphatically that it was a natural formation?"

Of one thing I was now certain. The geologists were not sure of their ground (no pun intended). But they were displaying that rigorous logic we have all come to love.

I must take this further. A man-made "ship" 6,300 feet high in the mountains would not be popular with some people. So further questions would have to be general or hypothetical.

I left a message for Jim Jago, of the Department of Applied Geology at the University of South Australia, to phone me. He responded quickly.

"Is it possible, Jim," I asked, "for a geochemist to know whether a rock formation is natural or man-made?"

"Oh, beyond doubt, yes!" he exclaimed. "Of course one can tell. But over what area?"

"Say, 500 feet."

"Absolutely!"

"IT GIVES ME GOOSE PIMPLES"

Brisbane... Perth... The Ark lectures continued.

...Sydney. Now Professor Plimer was back on Roberts' trail, like a hound scenting blood.

There had been attempts to serve Plimer with a writ. Roberts' supporters claimed that Plimer had publicly smeared Roberts' character. For some weeks Plimer had eluded the writ server.

But tonight he surfaced, emboldened for a slaughter too tempting to miss. Behind him trotted the Channel Nine crew.

"Sorry," said the doorman. "You can't enter."

The crewman looked surprised. "Why not?"

"Hobart," said the doorman.

A middle-aged man in a grey suit pressed the writ into Plimer's hand. Plimer now knew he must tread carefully.

...The meeting had begun. It was whispered that thirty members of the Skeptic's Society were positioned in the audience.

Roberts, as was his manner, was showing some exhibits from the Turkish site. "...and so, in seeking an age for these items," he announced, "we cannot rely on carbon dating. The accuracy of all radiometric dating systems has come under fire of late. It is not generally known that MOST results are suspect."

A man leapt to his feet. "Just a moment, there," he cut in. "YOU CAN'T PROVE THAT!"

"He's a leader of the Skeptic's Society," whispered a young woman to her friend.

Roberts paused. Feeling inside his briefcase, he withdrew a sheaf of papers and squinted at the man over his spectacles.

"Here, my good fellow, is a whole file of statements by authorities - mostly evolutionists - who testify to the truth of my assertion. May I read you one?"

"Aw, you'll only quote it out of context," the man sneered. A few in the audience nodded their heads in agreement.

"If you will all bear with me," said Roberts, "I shall read it in full." He did.

There was an uneasy stir in the audience. The skeptic looked decidedly agitated. With his wife, he arose and left.

...In the foyer, another member of the Skeptic's Society pondered the photo display. "It's disturbing," he gasped.

Disturbing also was the recent word of a New South Wales judge. He confided, "From the evidence presented there is a prima facie case that this is Noah's Ark."

Derryn Hinch, T.V. current affairs host and avowed agnostic, also saw some of the evidence. On air, he was honest enough to admit: "IT GIVES ME GOOSE PIMPLES."

Meanwhile, I stumbled upon something else. And then I realised that the most startling fact of all was being missed by most people.

You are now in for A BIG SURPRISE...

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- 1 As related to the author by Ron Edwards, chairman of the Noah's Ark Research Project

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THE GOLDEN RATIO



Leonardo Fibonacci, Italian mathematician, discovered that the ancients used a mysterious set of numbers that were connected by a "Golden Ratio". This sequence of numbers begins with 1 + 1 and progresses by adding the two previous numbers, to form the next number, thus:

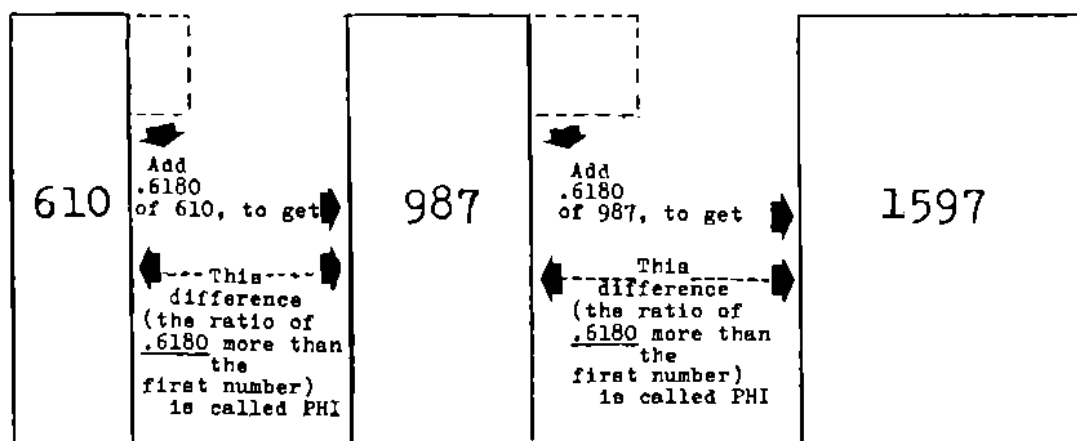
$$1 + 1 = 2; 1 + 2 = 3; 2 + 3 = 5; 3 + 5 = 8, \text{ etc.}$$

The sequence continues:

2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, 144, 233, 377, 610, 987, 1597, 2584, 4181, and so on, to infinity.

As the sequence progresses, it is discovered that any given number approximates 1.618 times the number preceding it. The higher the number, the closer it approaches this ratio. Likewise, any given number approximates .618 of the number following. The higher the number, the closer it approaches this ratio.

In the above sequence, let's break up what is happening:



In this series, each number can be increased by adding to it **.6180** of itself. (It's the same result if you multiply it by 1.6180. The 1 is the original number, plus **.6180** of that number.)

HOW NATURE USES THIS RATIO TO FORM A SPIRAL

This ratio of **.6180** is seen in nature, for the shape of everything from tiny snails to the gigantic spiral galaxies of outer space.

This ratio is the invisible "building block" with which a "nature spiral" is shaped.

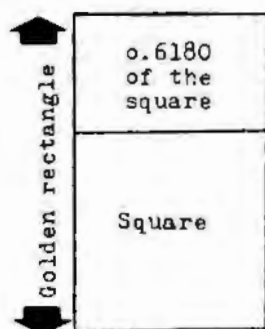


Fig. 1

In figure 2 the upper rectangle is divided into a square on the right - and **.6180** of that square on the left.

The new, smaller rectangle is divided the same way again (+ **.6180**) producing another golden rectangle, smaller still.

Figure 3 continues this process. It also shows what happens when a curved line is connected to the centres of the squares. (These centres are marked by dots.) This is called the **logarithmic spiral**.

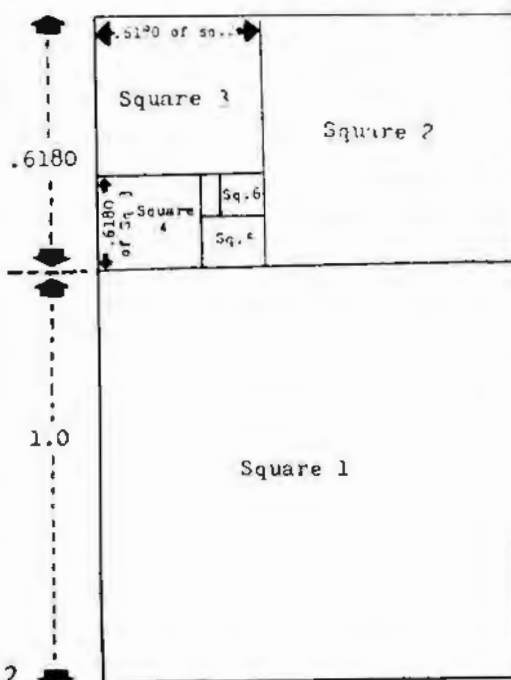


Fig. 2

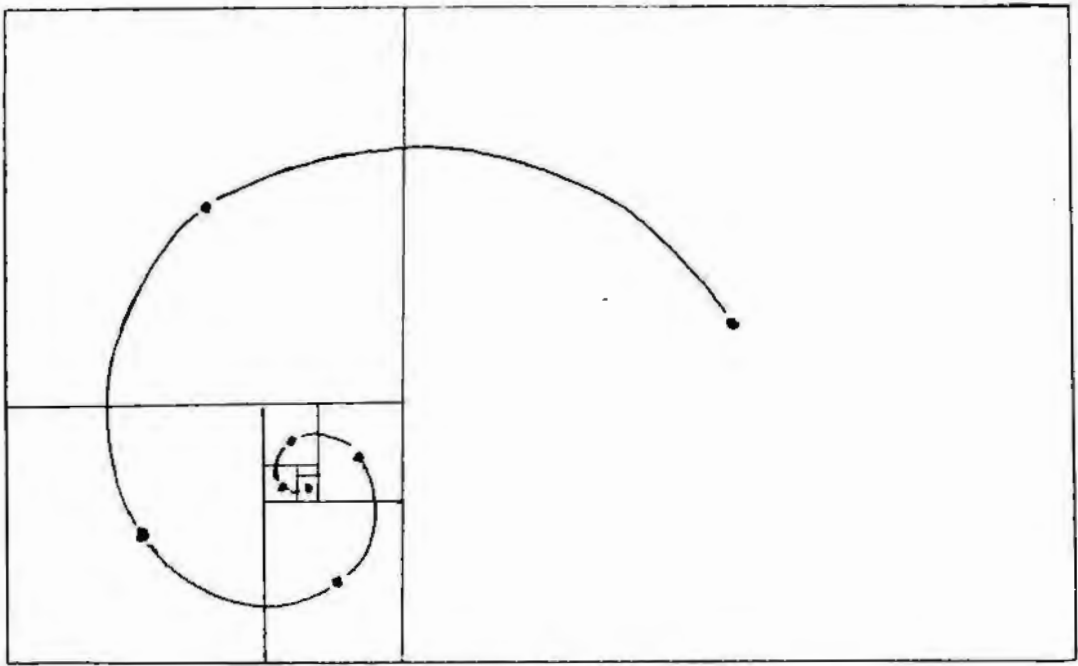


Fig. 3
On a mathematical plan, carefully organised.

Thus a composite of golden rectangles can be joined to form the logarithmic spiral that forms **the gap inside a breaking wave.**



This spiral is so closely allied to the relentless pounding of the sea, that the Swedish treatise on shipbuilding, *Architectura Navalist Mercatoria*, even suggests it as **THE MOST EFFECTIVE CURVE FOR THE ARMS OF AN ANCHOR!**

If we eventually find the bows of the Ark designed on the curve of the logarithmic spiral, should we be surprised?

IN A NUTSHELL

The only curve that is truly natural is that of the logarithmic spiral - seen in giant galaxies, tiny shells on the sea shore and in the inward curve of a wave when it breaks.

The oldest structures of antiquity, including the Great Pyramid, likewise display this feature of PHI - showing that such principles were known long before Pythagoras.⁽¹⁾

And we shall now discover that Noah's Ark was designed on the ratio of this same curve.

AN UNEXPECTED PATTERN SHOWS UP IN THE AKYAYLA "ROCK FORMATION"

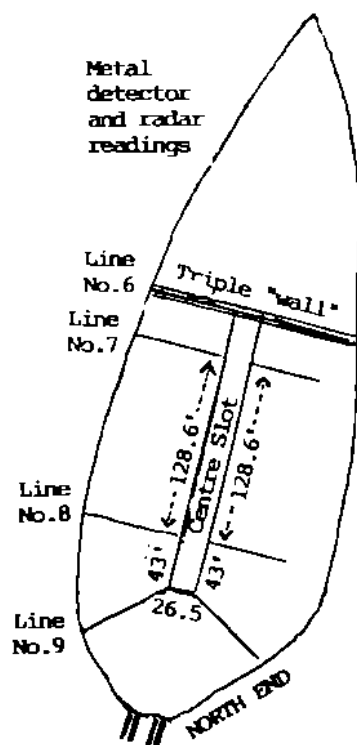
The most
startling
find

I was about to stumble upon a most startling discovery:

THE FORMATION'S MEASUREMENTS AND CURVES, ACCIDENTALLY OR INTENTIONALLY, SHOWED A RATIO TO THE PHI FACTOR - TO THE LOGARITHMIC PROPORTION OF .6180.

Seven examples turned up:

- 1 **LENGTH** The length of the formation was 515 feet, which equalled 6180 inches. ($515\text{ft} \times 12 = 6180$ inches)



This may be just a coincidence, but the length of the Ark as stated in the Bible⁽²⁾ was **6180** inches (= 300 cubits). If Moses, the compiler of the account, was raised and educated in Egypt, he would undoubtedly be using the Egyptian cubit. I am not suggesting that Noah built the Ark on the Egyptian cubit. I do suggest that the Ark was built by Noah on a special cubit in harmony with the design of all nature, and that this cubit, which was inherited by Noah's descendants and later brought to Egypt, is the one referred to by Moses.

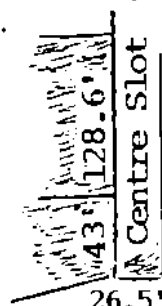
Regarding the inch referred to above, one early Egyptian inch equals 1.0011 British inch. So it matters not which inch we use; they are virtually the same.

The Egyptian cubit was 20.6 inches. Three cubits equals 61.80 inches (again, that magic number); thus 300 cubits = **6180** inches.

- 2 **NORTH-END CURVE** The curve of the north end was based on the spiral of phi (.6180). A portion of this logarithmic spiral formed each wall of the structure.
- 3 **CAVITY ONE RATIO** If you examine the chart above, which shows measurements from metal detector recordings, you will notice a long, narrow **central slot**. This large rectangle was the only region that appeared to be an open area, with no transverse line across the width of the "ship" for just over 200 feet. This "centre slot" was 26.5 feet wide.

Multiply this width by **1.6180** and you have the length of the first cavity on either side - measured as 43 feet (between dividing lines Nos. 8 and 9).

- 4 **CAVITY NO.2 RATIO** The second cavity (between dividing line Nos. 7 and 8) was 128.6 feet long. This is three times the width of the "centre slot" multiplied by **1.6180**.



- 5 **RATIO OF MAIN DIVIDER TO LENGTH** Dividing line No.6 (the only "triple wall" in the formation) ran from side to side across the formation. It was the dividing point of the entire design. This "triple wall" (from its forward side) was **.618** of the total length of the structure (that is, 61.8 percent from the extremities of the rod-like protrusions).

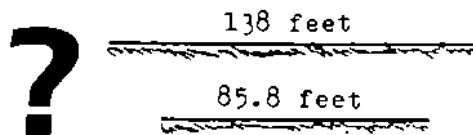
SURELY WE ARE ON TO SOMETHING HERE.
IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE ENTIRE
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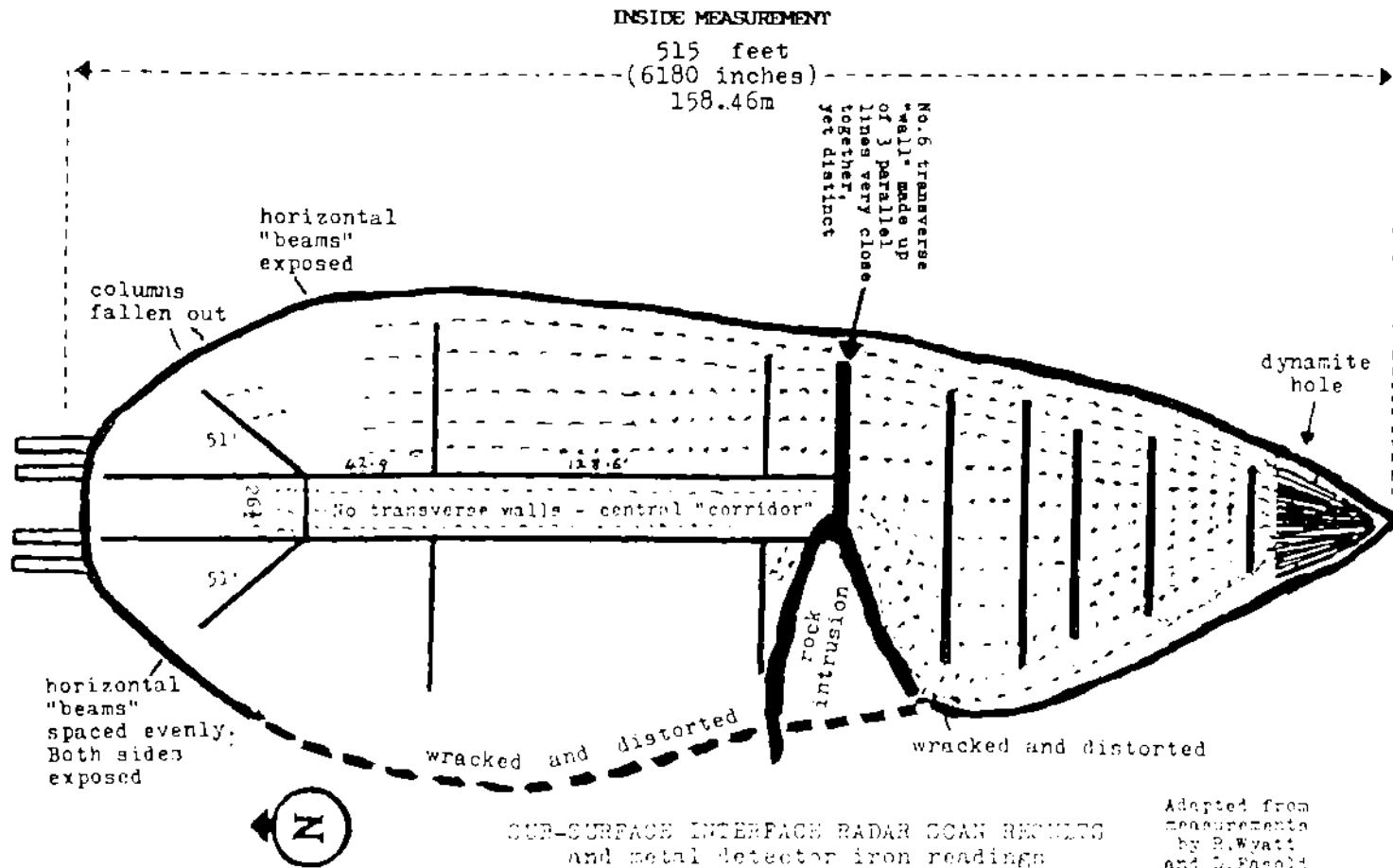
**Big
Problem!**

- 6 **RATIO OF MEASURED WIDTH TO BIBLICAL WIDTH** Now, it seems, we are in trouble! Big trouble!!! When we measure the **width** of the formation, there is a problem.

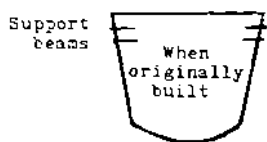
The Bible states that the Ark was 50 cubits (that is, 85.8 feet) wide. This Akyayla formation as measured by scientists at its widest point was 138 feet. A big discrepancy. Too big.

How come?

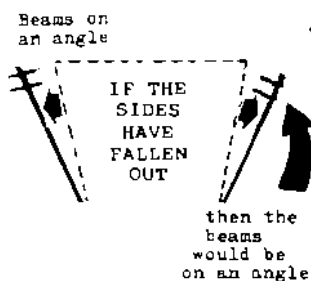




I faced four alternatives:



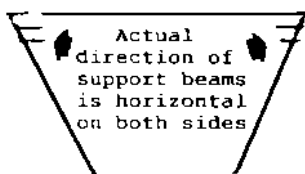
- (a) This formation was **not** the biblical Ark.
- (b) If this was the Ark, then the biblical specifications were wrong.
- (c) If this formation was the Ark, and if the biblical measurement was correct, then the sides had fallen out. (This is what Ark-ologist Ron Wyatt believed.)



However, I thought the sides had **not** fallen out. Here's why:

A number of "upper deck support beams" were visible - and they projected out from inside the walls. They were in perfect alignment with those on the other side. What is more, **they were perfectly horizontal**. If the walls had fallen out, these support beams would be jutting up at an angle! No, the sides had not fallen out. (In one section the sides have been pushed out, but we are not dealing with that here.)

BUT:
THIS IS NOT SO!



The Ark-ologists **did** measure correctly - so there remained **one alternative**:

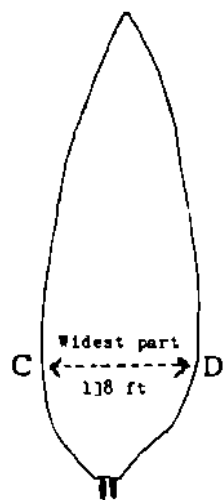
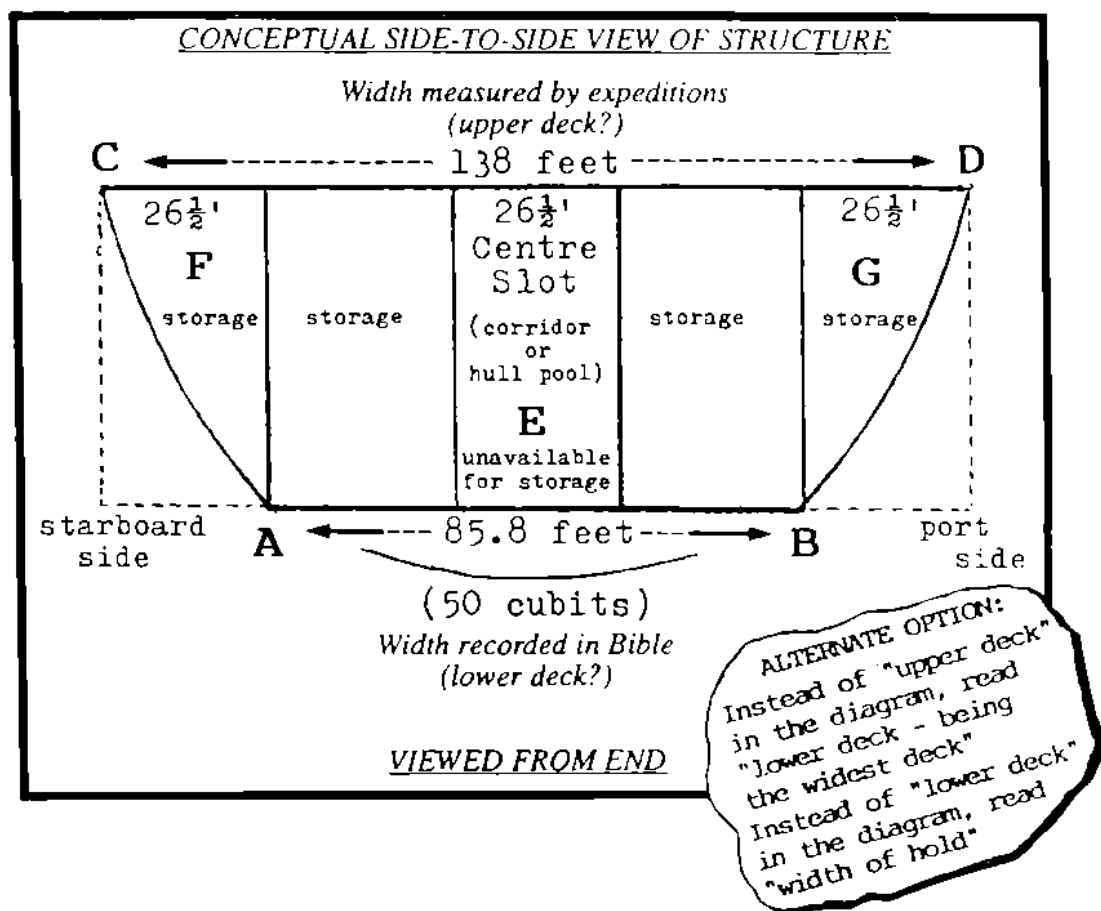
- (d) The biblical width (50 cubits) was a measurement based on volume - and both the Bible and the Ark-ologists were correct.

Let me explain. It was once the practice to purposely describe containers by volume. When a Sumerian customer ordered a jar he might express his request in cubic volume, such as 10. This would mean 10 x 10 x 10, a cube.

Of course, the customer was not asking for a cube-shaped jar, but a jar consisting of the same volume. It could curve out to 12 wide and maybe only 8 deep, for example. But it was of the volume he had requested,

It is possible that the Ark's dimensions indicated volume, or cubic capacity, as was the ancient practice for many other objects made for containment.

Think about this as we consider the following diagram:



Imagine that you are standing at the end of a ship, with the two sides curving up left or right of you.

In our diagram, the line A-B measures the biblical 50 cubits (85.8 feet) width. Let's call this the lower deck.

Line C-D is the width measured by modern expeditions (138 feet). This is 53 feet greater than the biblical measure of 85.8 feet. Let's call this the top deck.

Rising vertically between decks A-B and C-D is the "centre slot" or corridor (E). This is shown in the diagram as a rectangle 26½ feet wide. This corridor **cannot** be used for storage.

At each side, however, the outward curve of the vessel's sides gives extra space (F and G). F and G are shown in the diagram above as rectangles each 26½ feet wide (that is, each is the SAME width as that measured for the central corridor - 26½ feet). Could that be significant?

Now notice. Only half each of rectangles F and G is inside the ship. But together these two halves are **EQUAL TO** the total of rectangle E. Thus they compensate for the loss of storage space occasioned by the need to use E as a corridor. **AND THE LOWER DECK WOULD STILL MEASURE THE BIBLICAL 50 CUBITS (85.8 FEET).**

The combined volume of F and G inside the hull is equal to the total volume of E.



NOW CATCH THIS!!!

If you are wide awake, this will stretch your mind.

The width of the Ark as **stated in the Bible** was 50 cubits (85.8 feet).⁽³⁾

The width of this object as **measured by archaeologists** was 138 feet.

AND WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE? (Get out your pocket calculator.) The difference is **.6180!**

This can be
no
accident!

I suspected that the **upswept sides** of the structure would be found to be on the same ratio of **.6180**.

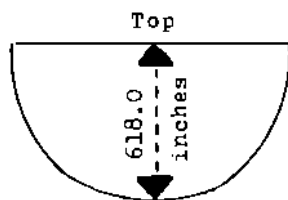
PERHAPS THIS CLINCHED IT - THE CONNECTION BETWEEN this "natural rock formation" and the biblical Ark. The apparent problem (the difference between the 138 feet and the 85.8 feet) now turned into something else: **IT WAS THE .618 FACTOR. THE DIFFERENCE WAS NOW A LINK.** Almost uncanny...

I cautiously wondered, could this be Noah's Ark, under all this mud, built on dimensions that originated with the Master Architect? Of course, I could be mistaken about this. Excavations should tell us.

7 BIBLICAL HEIGHT Even the height of the Ark, as recorded in Genesis 6 (namely 30 cubits) conformed to the same phi factor.

Ark's		Length of cubit		
Height		in inches		
30	x	20.6	=	618.0 inches

Q.E.D.



TO SUMMARISE

1. The length of the Akyayla formation (measured) and the length of the Ark (as recorded in the Bible) were identical: **6180 inches.** **6180**
2. The horizontal curve of the “bow” was on the spiral **6180** **6180**
3. The length of the “first room” was greater than the width of the central “corridor” by a difference of **.6180.** **6180**
4. The length of the “second room” along the “corridor” was greater than three times the width of the “corridor” by a difference of **.6180.** **6180**
5. The difference between the position of the main transverse dividing “wall” and the total length of the formation was **.6180.** **6180**
6. If this principle is applied to our 50 cubits for the width of the Ark (85.83333 feet), then we would expect it to be as wide as 138.87832 feet. **6180**

The Akyayla object was measured by David Fasold at its widest bulkhead (No.8), at 138 feet. **6180**
 - (a) Thus the measured top surface width of the formation was greater than the biblical width of the Ark by the ratio of **.6180.** **6180**
 - (b) If this formation were, indeed, the Ark, then the curve of the upswept stem and stern were very likely on the same ratio of **.6180.** **6180**
7. The biblical height of the Ark was **618.0 inches.** **6180**

Oh, I must share with you this fascinating piece of trivia:

One experimenter measured sixty-five women and found their navel height, on the average, was **.618** times their total height. Divinely proportioned indeed, and a fine symbol of the creation of “like from like”.

The book of Genesis tells us bluntly that before initiating the Great Flood the same One who had designed the human body, also specified the Ark’s dimensions to Noah.

That **.618** factor is common to both. Like a signature?

- 1 PI was used, as well.
- 2 Gen.6:15
- 3 Ibid.

I am indebted to David Fasold for the
compartment measurements and for some of
of the conclusions resulting therefrom.

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THREE ANGRY MEN

“You’re an enemy of reason, of science and of education. So there!”

The Skeptics continued to heckle and interject Dr. Roberts’ lectures so much that sometimes he was unable to finish.

It appears these people had never seen any data from the site, never been there or examined any samples from it, nor spoken to anyone who had done so. And yet they were prepared to shout down any suggestion that the Bible account might be true.

Roberts’ meetings had positively infuriated them. The truth was, evolution was under threat. If the story of the Flood and Noah were true, then the theory of evolution was ALL WET.

On May 14, 1992, I sent an updated report on the boat-shaped object to Professor John Lovering (a copy going to Philip Satchell), with the comment:

“For years I have argued, as would most persons, that there are many natural boat-shaped formations in the world. It seems logical to dismiss this as no different from the rest.

“But could we have been wrong?”

“We were wrong about Troy. We were wrong about the griffins guarding the golden treasure of Altai. We were wrong about the “natural” Panecillo hill within the city limits of Quito.

“We all make mistakes.”

Lovering courteously replied that the object was “an eroded syncline within a folded sedimentary rock series... a relatively common geological structure.”

THE HOUNDS

Roberts' foes were not so gracious. A concerted smear campaign was mounted against him by the hard-core anti-creationist campaigners associated with Australian Skeptics.

Peter Pockley in the *Sydney Morning Herald* and Ben Hills in *Good Weekend* (Melbourne) both wrote disparagingly of Roberts' project. Hills noted that Ian Plimer was spearheading a campaign to try to discredit "Noah's Flood Creationism". Their "immediate target" was Allen Roberts.

In *Weekend Review* (Adelaide) noted atheist Philip Adams wrote passionately that "to claim to have found Noah's Ark is tantamount to announcing that the world is flat." People who "believe in Noah's Ark," said he, "have bats in their belfry." On one side were all earth's learned men, the "experts"; on the other side the "gullible" Bible believers, "a growing multitude of dimwits" and "gormless groupies" in need of "psychiatric help."

The idea of a Great Flood was a "looney proposition."

I combed his article hopefully for some evidence. I'll say this for him. He seemed to care. (About what I had no idea.) No evidence against the Flood, the Ark, or the Bible. A good clear mind, this fellow, not all cluttered up with facts.

Yes, he did care about Roberts' qualifications. He suggested they were dubious.

On July 20, Philip Satchell interviewed Adams on a talk-back show. A lady called Freda rang in, addressing herself to Adams:

"Dr. Roberts realises that he's in the infancy of what he's discovered, that nothing's been proven yet. And I'd like to put forth the hypothesis that if what he is hoping he has found is Noah's Ark, turns out to be this, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO ANSWER THEN?"

"If what Dr. Roberts turns out to have discovered IS Noah's Ark," replied Adams, "I will write out a cheque for \$100,000 to your favourite charity, madam. But I think the money would be better spent - belatedly - on getting yourself an education. What you're talking about is rubbish. The reason I'm angry and impatient is because characters like you and the followers of Roberts are involved in blasphemy against thousands of years of slowly won human learning. You try to turn back the clock to medieval 'gobble degook' and superstition. You are dangerous people. I am impatient with you. I have no tolerance for you."

WHY SO HOT AGAINST IT?

Talk about emotion! The attack was assuming a religious intensity.

The reason was now clear. Most scientists, you see, were sincere in their quest for knowledge. But, like all of us, they were products of a system which churned out the evolution theory of origins - exclusively. So it was natural that evolutionary assumptions would underlie all their research. We were so brainwashed that we assumed the Bible explanation of origins was sheer idiocy.

Evolutionary theory was now big business. Careers were bound up in it. Ph.D. degrees. Lifetime reputations.

While most theorists were sincere, a few others were unscrupulous, faking evidence, concealing contrary evidence - and had enormously influenced our thinking.

It was taught that the earth's strata with its encased fossils was deposited in a uniform, steady fashion over aeons of time. It was assumed that the uniform action of nature had never been interrupted by catastrophe. But if most of this assumed "evidence for evolution" had been caused by a Great Flood, then the evolution theory was all wet.

The real reason for such high emotions went deeper. This was clarified by Dr. Michael Walker, Senior Lecturer in Anthropology, Sydney University. He acknowledged that "many scientists and technologists pay lip-service to Darwinian theory only because it supposedly excludes a Creator."¹⁰ Unlike the biblical view of origins, the evolution theory held no sway over one's life and what one should do about it.

SOW THE SEED, REAP THE HARVEST

For generations, school children were taught the biblical absolutes: **respect for authority** (there is a Creator; we are answerable to a Higher Power) and the **value of all men** as under the Creator's love. This meant that to murder someone was wrong, to steal was wrong and to be dishonest was wrong.

Then, into the teaching system was introduced the evolutionary philosophy: that man is ultimately alone in a meaningless world. You are only an advanced animal creature. You are subject to your own inclinations. You can decide yourself what's right and wrong. Each individual must come first in his or her thinking. It is survival of the fittest. Claw your way to the top... This is a monstrous perversion of the truth. It denies the value of both discipline and responsibility.

A generation of such philosophy was now showing its fruits.

Take for example, that "man is alone in a meaningless world." In this purposelessness are rooted dangerous and deadly problems: suicide, promiscuity, chemical abuse, low self esteem, depression and violent behaviour, to name a few.

We're told that man is "only an advanced animal. Do as you please." With such thinking, is it any wonder our streets have become unsafe and our homes armed fortresses?

And many churches have been infected by this humanistic nonsense! No wonder they are so corrupt!

Those who peddle this system in our schools to the sponge-like minds of innocent children are to a large extent responsible for the ills that now plague our society. That is crystal clear.

Our youth have evolution thrust upon them. They are given no choice. They are being programmed. And in the media it continues - a T.V. induced hypnosis.

Violence and corruption is, therefore, a deliberately created disease.

It is more serious than you think.

A CONSPIRACY?

In vitriolic language, Philip Adams made his intentions clear: Australian children would NOT be given the opportunity "in classrooms of this country" to hear both sides of the question. He and his fellow evolutionists would fight "to the last drop of sweat on one's brow" to suppress such an attempt. Their view alone - the evolutionary, anti-creation view - would be touted to all our children.

Noah's Ark believers "are dangerous", Philip complained. "They deserve to be insulted," he added with charm.

Apparently, such information as Noah's Ark really existing, high up in the mountains—if confirmed—was TOO DISTURBING to be allowed to circulate freely. Yes, it was dangerous.

Was there a conspiracy to stop the facts getting out? Perhaps. Certainly there was, on the part of some, a vested interest to ensure that if there were an Ark, it should never be known.

Was I mistaken in sensing that the anti-Ark hysteria, the HATRED welling up against the Ark project, seemed almost supernatural?

Such vocal opposition should be considered beneficial, since it helped to arouse public awareness, curiosity and interest.

It was time to call society back to its lost heritage. And discoveries such as the Ark would demonstrate that the Scriptures could be trusted.

1 Michael Walker, *Quadrant*, October, 1981, p.44

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“IT’S A FAKE”

A few weeks later I received a disturbing report from a Christian organisation, for whose work I had considerable respect. Its claims bothered me a lot.

The unbelief of the Skeptics Association didn’t faze me a bit. They hadn’t even been to the site. But here were Christian researchers who accepted the biblical account of the Great Flood and the Ark of Noah, but who flatly rejected the boat-shaped object. And their reasons were compelling.

They wrote that “like all true Bible-believing Christians, (we) would be ecstatic at the Ark’s discovery, no matter by whom, nor where on the ‘mountains of Ararat’. Mt. Ararat itself has been the focus purely because the only leads seemed to relate to it.”⁽¹⁾

“TIS A PITY HE’S AN AMATEUR”

“Self-styled archaeologist and explorer Ron Wyatt,” the report went, “is well known for claiming to have found virtually every important biblical artefact known. Wyatt’s alleged ‘finds’ include:

- * The true site of the crucifixion
- * The Ark of the Covenant
- * The true Mount Sinai (with a plaque announcing it as such)
- * The site of Korah’s earthquake
- * The true site of the Israelites’ Red Sea crossing, also with a marker ‘built by King Solomon’ as a memorial
- * Chariot wheels from Pharaoh’s drowned army

- * The actual rock Moses struck to release water
- * Noah's grave
- * Noah's house
- * Mrs Noah's grave (containing a fortune - her gold and jewellery).

"Much of the 'evidence' has been taken at his word, it appears, and/or is in his possession, and not made freely available to doubters."

One by one, Wyatt's "Ark" claims were demolished. The writers included one Dr. Andrew Snelling, a geologist. I had felt that Ron Wyatt could be mistaken in a few minor details concerning his "Ark" site. But now I held in my hands a "bombshell".

As I studied the report, the most serious allegations seemed to be the following:

THE TURKISH COMMISSION

The special Turkish Commission set up in conjunction with the Ataturk University at Erzurum, to investigate the site did not conclude it to be a boat, according to Dr. Salih Bayraktutan, a member of the commission. "He was at pains to dissociate himself from almost all of Wyatt's claims about the site, expressing grave doubts about how some of his 'evidence' actually found its way on to the site."

BAUMGARDNER

"Dr. John Baumgardner, an internationally respected creation scientist, is featured on the Wyatt video as being cautiously enthusiastic that this might be the Ark. He tells us that he certainly was at the time, having had his curiosity aroused by information supplied by Wyatt. But, after his own detailed investigations, he has completely reversed his opinion.

RIVET

"A photo has repeatedly been shown of an alleged 'fossil rivet' found in a gully near the site." The list of elements in the object were "consistent with hydrothermally altered basalt, not 'exotic technology.'"

PETRIFIED WOOD

“Wyatt has claimed there are ‘trainloads’ of petrified wood on the site, in complete contradiction to the findings of all the trained scientists who have explored the site.” His claim “is completely unsubstantiated by expert opinion, laboratory, or microscopic data. When we pointed all this out to Ark Search recently (Ark Search was an Australian group formed by Dr. Allen Roberts to raise funds for further research), their chairman, Ron Edwards, rang Ron Wyatt and urged him to allow the crucial specimen L (apparently found in the presence of witnesses) to be sectioned under safeguards. Wyatt initially refused, but offered other samples for such sectioning, the origin of which cannot be independently verified. (Photographic assessment and descriptions from eyewitnesses suggest, to us, that L is likely to be basalt, and the alleged ‘petrified adhesive’ actually calcite veining.)

ANCHOR STONES

“Large rocks with holes carved near their tops and with crosses carved on them are claimed to be ‘anchor stones’ from the Ark. Wyatt says on his video they are granite. Ark Search correctly states they are basalt, a volcanic rock type common in the area. The number of crosses on them varies from 3 to 29; the only number of crosses mentioned by Wyatt, not surprisingly, is eight. An expert on Armenian studies identifies them as pagan Armenian *stelae* with the Armenian crosses, or **khatchkars**, added in Christian times. According to one reliable Christian source, they are found in an ancient cemetery (for Armenians) some 22 km away. Similar stones with holes are known from within Armenia, much further away.

METAL DETECTOR TESTS

“Dr. Snelling... has also been able to have face-to-face discussions with highly qualified and respected Christian creationist scientists... who have carried out and documented research at the site.

“Wyatt used a ‘crank’ device... the so-called ‘molecular frequency generator’, which produced the regular pattern of ‘metallic objects’ that has convinced so many! In spite of much pseudo-scientific justification by the manufacturer, the device depends on a pair of hand-held, bent brass rods which tend to cross or separate as one walks along (by simple physical

principles) possibly reacting to the conscious or unconscious expectations of the user.

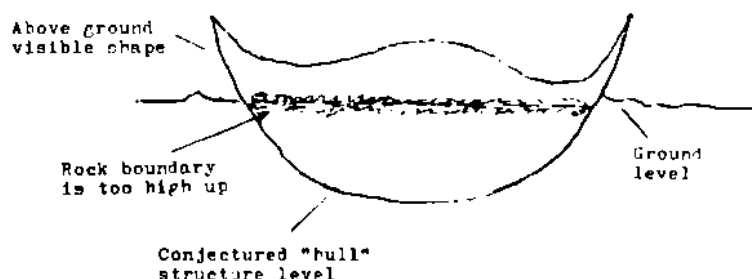
RADAR: "NO PATTERN"

"Ark Search... says... 'evidence gained by using high-tech subsurface equipment has led Tom Fenner of Geophysical Survey Systems Incorporated to designate the formation as a man-made boat also.' Fenner tells us emphatically and writes that this is not true, and that his 1987 radar survey showed no sign of any man-made object.... The detailed research that has been done includes a more extensive survey with subsurface (ground-penetrating) radar, which reveals that talk of any 'bulkheads', 'keelsons' and the like is not in accordance with the factual data." The use of "proper instrumentation (such as is used by mining companies), magnetic, seismic and metal-detector surveys showed **no** evidence of any regular pattern that suggested anything man-made."

CORE DRILLS

Tests also included "core drilling down to sample a planar surface shown on radar and alleged to be a 'deck'." Snelling reported that "the drilling intersected basalt at between six and seven metres depth in the northern portion of the boat-shape.... In the southern portion of the boat-shape the drilling intersected a different rock type.... between these two drill-intersected rock types is the fossiliferous limestone outcrop, making the third rock type cutting across the site."⁽²⁾

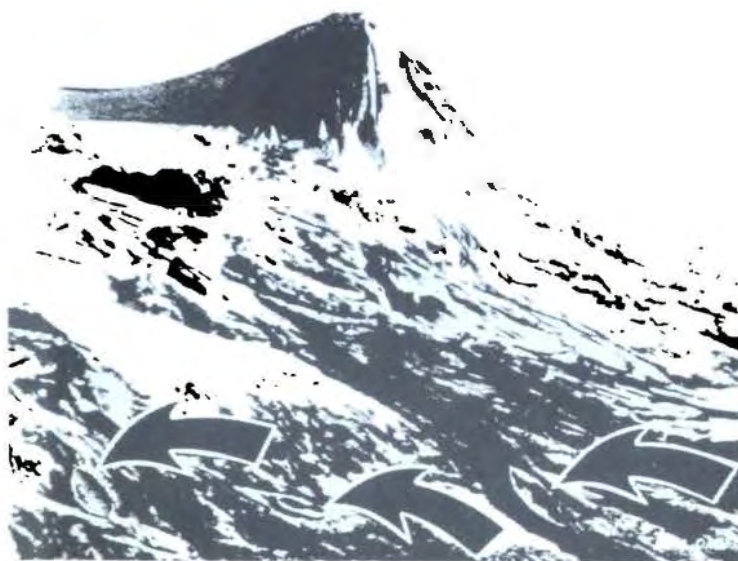
Core drilling intersected "a rock boundary... at a shallow depth in the central portions of the boat shape. Basement rock (was) intersected before the bottom of the conjectured 'hull' -structure was reached." In other words, a "rock formation" crosses the structure too high up to permit the object to be a ship.



WHY THE BOAT SHAPE?

Snelling noted correctly that the boat-shape was situated in a sloping valley in a slowly moving mud flow. In his opinion, "the stable area around which this mudflow material flows is an uplifted rock and erosional remnant of basement rock, including limestone and basalt. Just as water flows around a rock in a river bed, the site has acquired a streamlined shape due to the dynamics of the slowly flowing mud."⁽³⁾

Anyway, it was pointed out, there were other boat-shapes in the region, all natural.



Lesser Mount Ararat. Arrows show similar boat-shaped formations in the area. (Photo: Turkish Air Force)

SOMETHING WRONG

Just a moment... I thought. What is happening here?

It was the radar scans, in particular, that bothered me. There were tests that showed patterns - the same, identical patterns, repeatedly. Then along came others, also with scientific equipment - and their scans showed no such pattern.

Can you see? Clearly, something was wrong, here. Something was profoundly wrong!

I was aware of this organisation's working connection with John Morris. Morris was reported to be violently anti-Wyatt. (According to Ron Wyatt, the Turkish files revealed that Morris had not been on Mount Ararat when he claimed, but in a Dogubayazit hotel, playing cards and drinking.) However, I did respect much of this organisation's research. So I pushed that connection out of mind.

More importantly, I was now persuaded that such serious allegations as they had made against Wyatt might well be true. This could not rest. For starters, I decided to examine more closely Ron Wyatt's other claimed "discoveries".

One of these was the Israelites' Red Sea crossing site, long sought by archaeologists without success, but now claimed by Wyatt. There was only one way I could check this claim: take diving lessons and go down to the sea bed myself.

1 *Prayer News*, August, 1992

2 *Creation Ex Nihilo*, vol.14, no.4, September-November, 1992

3 *Ibid*

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AND THE SEA WILL TELL



She felt a sudden surge of panic... and held back.

"Go on, Mary Nell. We'll all be in together," coaxed Ron.

"No, not yet. I don't like that water. Something tells me it's not safe."

"I'll show you," said Mark. In a moment there was a splash. Just as quickly, Mark was back, trying to climb on board.

"What's wrong?" asked Ron.

"I think there's air leaking."

"Go under again; we'll watch for bubbles."

Mark obeyed... "No it's not really leaking," said Ron. "You're O.K."

... Delays. Delays. Anything to stop them getting on with the job. Why must this happen today?

Suddenly there was a shout. "What is it, Mary Nell?"

"Look out - a shark!"

A hungry looking monster with a white snout was circling. It was the kind that eats people.

"Shark! Mark! Quick, get out!"

Then they saw the others... also circling.

"How many are there?" panted Mark as his last leg came up."

“Just three... ONE FOR EACH OF US.”

When Ron Wyatt, Mary Nell Wyatt and Mark Wynn took two rubber rafts out to sea that day, **THEY DID NOT EXPECT COMPANY.** “It’s like someone wants to scare us off,” thought Ron. “Or eliminate us.” If he was not mistaken, they were on to a most sensational discovery - **THE REMAINS OF PHARAOH’S LOST ARMY ON THE FLOOR OF THE RED SEA.**

THE WARNING

You’ve heard it, of course - that saga of the dramatic escape of an enslaved Hebrew nation from ancient Egypt? The story goes that the Red Sea backed up for them into two walls of water, between which they fled to the opposite shore. Pharaoh’s huge army went down on to the exposed sea bed to pursue them. As soon as the whole Egyptian army was within it, the double wall of sea crashed down and encompassed the Egyptians.

What a plot for an epic film! But... fact? or fable?

These slaves, it seems, were about to be used in a long range global plan. The world had degenerated to a sorry state, if we are to believe the sacred records. The knowledge of original truth was all but lost. So the Creator selected a group of people to be trained as a beacon, a “field of influence”, for mankind. Then He gave spectacular demonstrations, to **PROVE** that He was **APPOINTING** that nation to a **UNIQUE ROLE IN HISTORY.**

His first show of might through the Hebrews was in their dramatic deliverance from Egyptian slavery. Egypt was a super-power. The Hebrews were groaning under the slave-master’s whip. The future seemed not to exist, let alone the promise that through them all other nations would be blessed.

Sudden and dramatic came the rescue. First ten plagues fell on Egypt. Pharaoh had been warned what was coming if he did not let Israel go. So the king knew what was involved. First came the frogs and flies and lice, annoyances that did not threaten life. Pharaoh received chance after chance - each time being warned of what was coming next, so that he could escape it if he would.

But he let love and compassion harden his heart instead of melt it. He eventually destroyed himself by his own choice.

And the people of Egypt were given every opportunity to accept the

message. Many did just that - and left Egypt with the Hebrews.

Concerning these plagues, some recent researchers contend, with considerable evidence in support (though this has not yet been accepted by most Egyptologists) that an error in Egyptian chronology, once corrected to the extent of 600-800 years, will yield an Egyptian account of the plagues parallel to that of the Bible.

Immanuel Velikovsky has presented a detailed analysis of two records, the **Papyrus Ipuwer** and the **el-Arish shrine inscription**, which appear to be Egyptian versions not merely of a great catastrophe, but of the ten plagues.⁽¹⁾

MIDNIGHT SHOCK

According to the book of Exodus, the last night the Israelites were in Egypt death struck instantly and took victims from every Egyptian home. The Pass-over of the “angel of death” was at midnight. And “there was a great cry in Egypt.”⁽²⁾ The select and the flower of Egypt lay dead.

The Egyptians looked upon the ten rapid-sequence calamities as acts of God and the slaves. “And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We be all dead men.”⁽³⁾

And now the Hebrews, whom Pharaoh had refused to let go, were **driven out**. God had delivered His people – but at what a cost, what needless cost!

The **Papyrus Ipuwer** clearly describes three consequences of the catastrophe: the population revolted; the wretched and poor men fled; and the Pharaoh perished under unusual circumstances.

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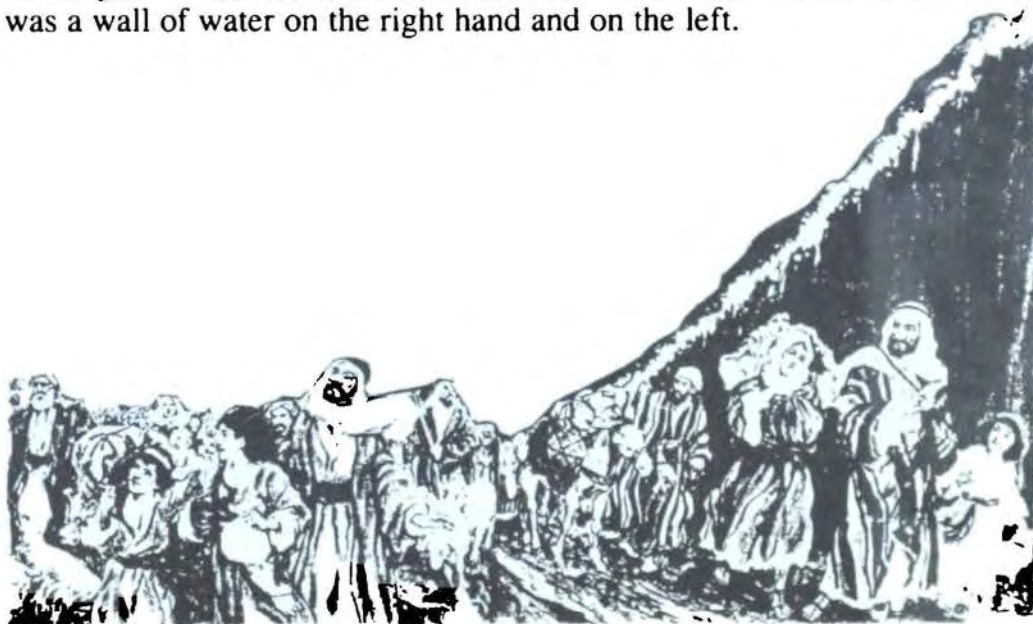
The Bible records that after the Hebrew escape, the Egyptians tried to restore order. They pursued the slaves. The Hebrews found themselves trapped by the sea.

The book of Numbers lists 603,550 Hebrew men. Add to this the women and children, and one could estimate a total of two million.⁽⁴⁾

The Jewish historian Flavius Josephus reports that the number of Egyptians that pursued after them was 600 chariots, with 50,000 horsemen and 200,000 footmen, all armed.

"They also seized on the passages by which they imagined the Hebrews might fly, shutting them up between inaccessible precipices and the sea; **for there was a ridge of mountains that terminated at the sea** which were impassible by reason of their roughness, and obstructed their flight. Wherefore they pressed upon the Hebrews with their army, **where the mountains were closed with the sea**; which army they placed at the chops of the mountains, so they might deprive them of any passage into the plain."⁽⁵⁾

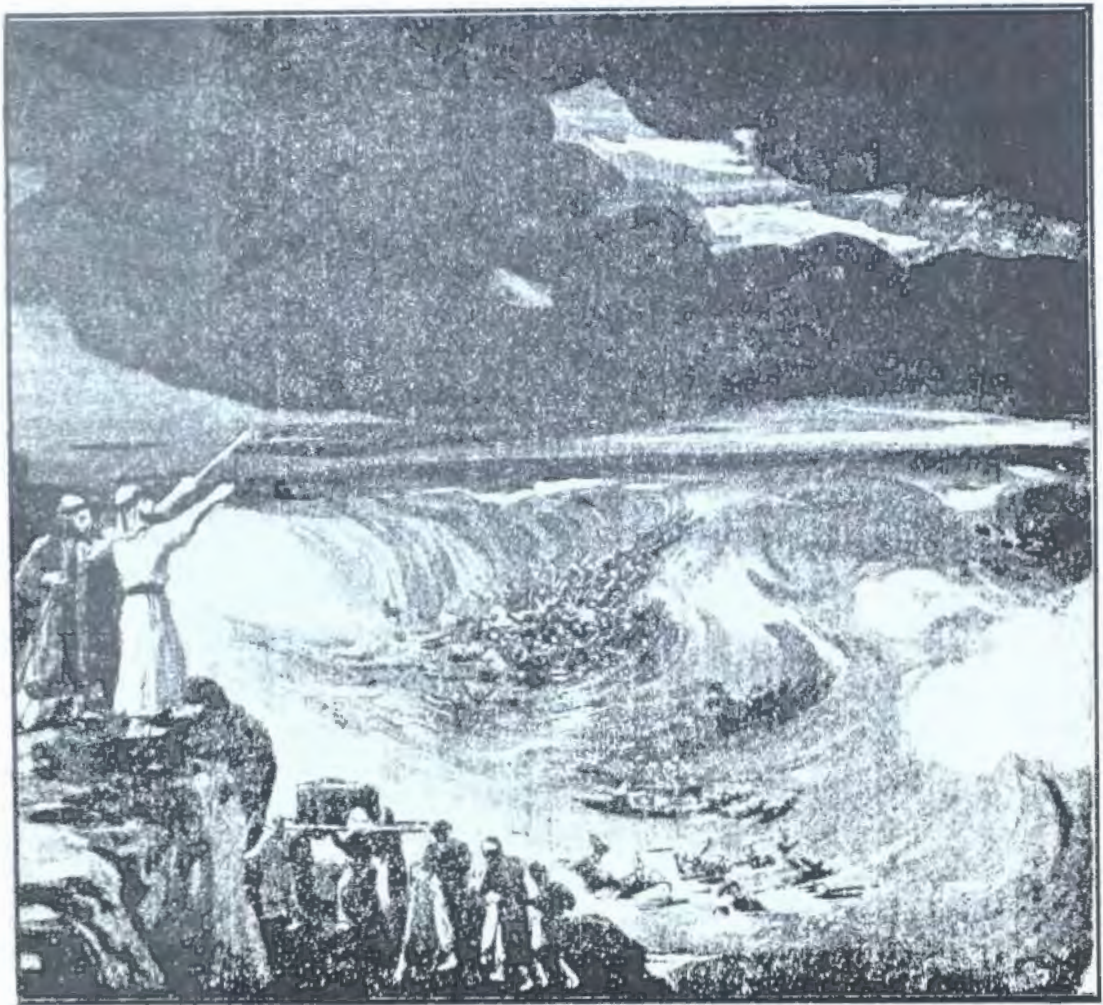
However, "a cloud of darkness" kept the Egyptian army at bay "all the night." "And the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night."⁽⁶⁾ The hurricane somehow drove back the waters so that there was a wall of water on the right hand and on the left.



(Painting: Herbert Rudeen; Review and Herald Publishing Association)

Between these two walls of water the Hebrews ventured. All night they plodded across the sea bottom, the last stragglers climbing up the opposite shore to safety as the morning light broke.

Then the cloud separating them from their pursuers was removed - and the Egyptians saw their quarry escaping. Fitting on their armour, the soldiers



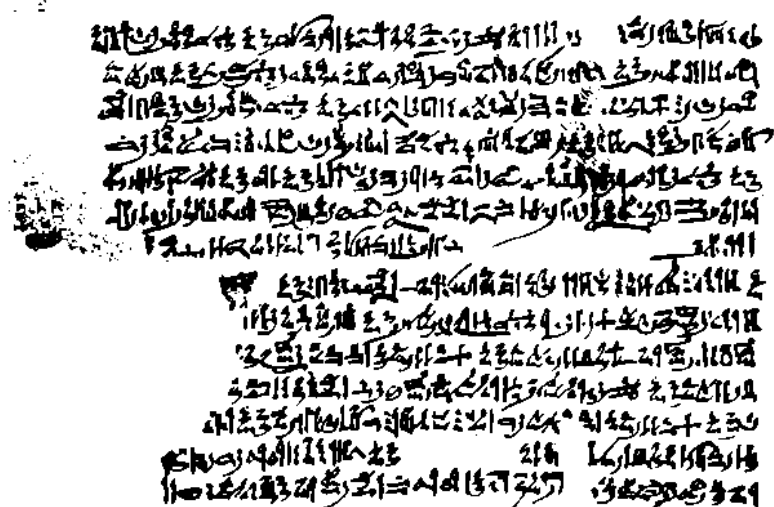
*The sea turns back on the army of Pharaoh (Review and Herald
Publishing Association and Adelaide B. Evans)*

poured on to the sea bed after them. Says Josephus: "...but the Egyptians were not aware that they went into a road made for the Hebrews, and not for others." Soon it began to soften into a slimy bog of mud and the charioteers struggled to free the sinking wheels.

Then, with a heart-chilling roar, a tsunami-like wave thundered back over the Egyptian army.

The monarch and the nation's army were in that place of fearful danger by their own choice. They had destroyed themselves!

In both the Bible and the Egyptian records, the Pharaoh perished in a whirlpool during or after the days of the great darkness and violent hurricane.



*A page from the Papyrus Ipuwer containing the story of the plagues
(I.Velikovsky)*

AN ARMY VANISHES

Journalist Rene Noorbergen writes of this event: "It was the greatest single disaster that ever befell a nation, for in one blow the Pharaoh - the Egyptian king and commander-in-chief - and the priests who had accompanied the army and its entire elite fighting force had been totally destroyed without the enemy's having suffered a single casualty. **Roughly 251,000 men and more than 50,000 horses died that one night on a path through the Red Sea that was probably no wider than a few hundred yards and no more than twelve miles long!**"⁽⁷⁾

This disaster to the flower of the Egyptian army and nobility was so overwhelming that Egypt succumbed to looting, disorganisation and anarchy for several years.

There was no longer any royal power. Egypt was largely depopulated. And she was defenceless.

A STRIKING PROPHECY

A prophecy had been made ...

“For this cause I have raised thee (Pharaoh) up, for to show in thee my power. AND THAT MY NAME MAY BE DECLARED THROUGHOUT ALL THE EARTH.”⁽⁸⁾

One wonders, indeed, if any event in history, except those connected with Jesus Christ, has been so extensively “declared throughout all the earth,” and for so long, as this description of the deliverance of a people who at that time were minor and insignificant.

It cannot be denied that the news of their exodus from Egypt and the name of their God has been “declared throughout all the earth” - a **precise fulfilment of prophecy**. Epic films have been made of it; the story has been translated into over a thousand languages.

THE MUMMIES ‘ LAST TRIP

But the prophecy meant more than this. Pharaoh had been “raised up” for the purpose of showing, by the extent of his fall, the puny and insecure nature of the greatest human power when measured against the power of the Creator.

Moses, motivated by the grand mission for which his God had called him, refused the throne, the wealth and the splendour of the world’s most pompous nation. Today his name is honoured. And the once majestic Pharaohs? Just listen.

Early this century, when some mummies were to be shipped down the Nile to Cairo, the contractors were in a dilemma. There was no cargo classification for “royal mummies,” so you know what they did? The majestic

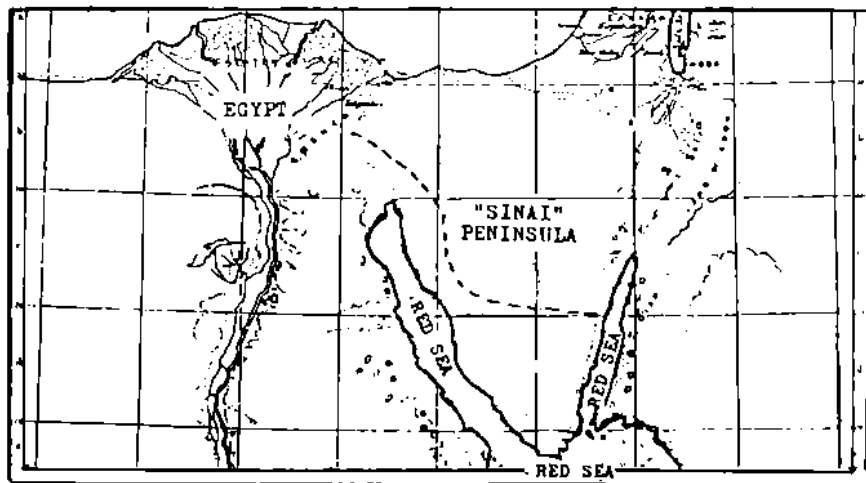
Pharaohs had to travel under the designation, "dried fish!"

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... "That settles it!" Ron Wyatt turned to his son Danny. "I'm going to the Red Sea to check it out."

"But nobody's ever found their remains, Dad."

"That's because they've been looking in the wrong place."



Route of the Hebrews' escape from Egypt to the Red Sea

BELIEVING THE CLUES

Taken together, the Bible and Josephus said that the Hebrews had gone south from Egypt, through the desert, and ended up at the shore of the Red Sea at a place where "the mountains were closed with the sea"; and Pharaoh decided, "They are entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in."⁽⁹⁾

The Egyptians pursued the escapees and took over the adjacent mountain passes. The two million Hebrews found themselves trapped beside the sea.

Where could so many people and their flocks have gathered? After travelling south from Egypt and east through the desert, there is such a place - a beach of tremendous size on the Gulf of Aqaba at Nuweiba - which was in biblical times (and still is) considered part of the Red Sea.⁽¹⁰⁾ And the only passage to it is the Wadi Watir, a wide and wild mountain gorge, a natural roadway from Egypt.

Wyatt concluded that the Hebrews went from Egypt, down into the Sinai peninsula, then crossed to the east. In order for them to be "entangled in the

land". they would have to be travelling through an area of wadis (canyons) with high mountains all around, which would seem to hem them in. There is such a system of four interconnecting dry river beds. This wadi system must have appeared like an endless maze to them. Hemmed in to the left and right, they could travel in only one direction - and the only path through that wadi leads to the enormous sized beach.

An escaping horde coming to this point of the Red Sea would be hemmed in by mountains on the west and south and could be annihilated on the beach by the pursuing armies that would enclose it from the north. Or they could go eastward INTO THE WATER.

Could this be where a pompous king and his priests took a well-equipped army of 251,000 men to their doom?

GRIM DISCOVERY

And so it was that in winter, 1978, Ron and his sons took their equipment out some two hundred feet from the beach. The sea bottom was clean. It showed a great number of uneven shapes that had become completely covered with coral. One had the round shape of a wagon wheel with a hub in the middle. It was crusted over. Close by was something large and half circular; the front armour section of a chariot, perhaps?

The next day the sea was choppy and a greenish muck had moved in, hindering their view. The algae seemed to extend for miles, so they had to abandon the search for that visit. Easy? Never.

Next time they saw them again. At depths of 60 feet to 200 feet, they sampled a stretch of about a mile and a half (2.5 km). There on the sea floor they lay. Chariot wheels, some overlayed with gold, some iron, some still attached to the axles. And detached FROM the chariots. (Did you know, the Bible actually said that "the Lord took off their chariot wheels"!)(¹¹) And there they were now - detached! Such biblical accuracy of detail! Ron was able to photograph the remains of three chariots on the sea floor. There were chariot parts that looked like the chariots found in King Tutankhamen's tomb.

... In amazement, I stared at a gold-shelled chariot wheel. It was about thirty inches in diameter. Mary Nell was convinced it had belonged to some important person like a priest, since this was at the Egyptian side of the Red Sea crossing. The priests, who accompanied the army to bring them success, would have followed at the rear.

As my eyes scanned objects on the sea floor, strange shapes were everywhere. I looked closer at one spot. With a catch at my heart, I realized it was a man's hand. Strewn along the sea bed were human skeletons, bones and skulls. I can assure you I held with my own hands a man's hipbone, a clavicle and parts of skulls. Yes, even a shrivelled horse hoof. It was all too real.

There is no doubt that it all happened exactly as the Scriptures say.

In 1978, on the beach at the site of the Red Sea crossing, Ron Wyatt and his sons found a standing column. It was later moved to its present site, across the road from the beach, and set in concrete. In 1983, he found a matching column on the opposite shore in Saudi Arabia, with the inscriptions—in Phoenician and archaic Hebrew—still intact. From this second column Ron was able to determine that they were erected by King Solomon to commemorate the “Crossing of the Red Sea.”



(Photo: R. Wyatt)



NATURAL - OR A MIRACLE?

Did the sea really split into two high walls of water? Could the sea really have parted for every Hebrew then drowned every Egyptian, "so that there was not one man left to be a messenger of this calamity to the rest of the Egyptians"?⁽¹²⁾

Until now, we have been fed only a bundle of changing guesses about the Exodus. As recently as 1982, Harvey Arden wrote in *National Geographic*:

Hardly a place-name in the Bible's Exodus narrative can be fixed on a map with any certainty... Conjectures about Sinai's... unclear biblical past - whether the route of the Exodus, the location of the "real" Mount Sinai, or the origin of the pillar of fire - must be taken with a few grains - indeed, a dune - of desert sand... I came to Uyun Musa, "springs of Moses," about 15 kilometres from Suez... Again, only speculation... ⁽¹³⁾

The skeptic roared himself hoarse. "Where are those chariots, dead men and horses, sprawled across the sea bed? Show me," he sneered, "and I'll believe."

Well... baby, it's happened!

Now, at last, discoveries show that the Exodus story tallies with the facts. The artefacts and skeletons are there; they cannot be argued away.

But there's more. Would it surprise you to learn that not in this one spot, but in many places on the opposite shore and inland from it, are other relics, the precise ones we should expect to find, if the Exodus account were true? And they are in the correct order that the story indicates. (We'll find them in the next chapter.)

So the question is no longer, DID this astonishing event happen, but HOW did it happen? Since it was against natural law, then how was it accomplished?

From the air, one may notice that the dark blue of the Gulf of Aqaba is broken by a narrow strip of light blue which cuts across it from shore to shore. On either side the sea floor drops off abruptly to 5,000 feet in depth, but over the bridge itself the sea is 900 to 1,000 feet deep. Here is the site of the crossing. Here are the remains.



THE RED SEA CROSSING: How the topography would appear if the waters were removed (not to scale - horizontally compressed)

Think now. Water **100 stories deep**! What else but a miracle could have exposed the bridge, that night?

A miracle is simply the overriding of the laws of nature by a higher law. If such a person as God exists, one who created all laws, then He could do it.

I cannot shake off the feeling that, long before this ever happened, the Creator in His foreknowledge prepared this path through the sea for the event He saw ahead.

The Gulf of Aqaba is part of a geological fault. The land bridge cuts across this fault. In the extremely wet early post-Flood centuries, sand was washed in enormous quantities through the Wadi Watir, into the sea. This sand was washed right across to the opposite shore, to form a bridge 4,000 feet higher than the sea bed.

Referring to this crossing, Isaiah says that the Creator made this "path in the mighty waters" and "divided the (deep) water."⁽¹⁴⁾

I shudder at the thought. If He had divided the waters anywhere else, the fleeing Hebrews would have come and looked down into a sheer drop!

Since the Israelites crossed, a little more sand has been washed in at the western end and covered some of the chariots that were in shallow water.

Oh yes, it happened. The Bible DOES mean what it says. Meanwhile the chronic skeptic holding an ice cream in his hand will still go on cheerfully saying it's a meat pie!

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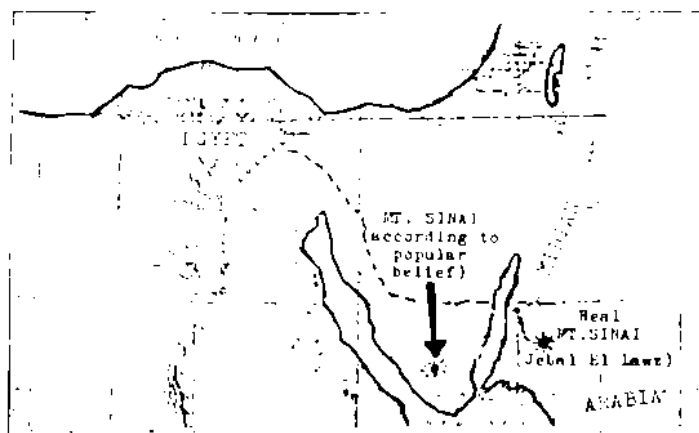
DISCOVERY IN THE DESERT

On the morning after the mass drowning, writes Josephus, "Moses gathered together the weapons of the Egyptians which were brought to the camp of the Hebrews by the current of the sea, and the force of the wind assisting it; ...So when he had ordered the Hebrews to arm themselves with them, he led them to Mount Sinai, in order to offer sacrifice to God."⁽¹⁾

The Exodus account is simple: "...and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore. And Israel saw the great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians."⁽²⁾

MAPS FOUND TO BE WRONG

Ron Wyatt was arched over a map. "If the Hebrews went through the Red Sea here" (he followed with his finger), "then **Mount Sinai** could not be on the so-called Sinai peninsula, at all!" Of course, some centuries after Christ, a monastery was built on a place the monks asserted was Mount Sinai.



There are many different theories regarding the possible location of the real Mount Sinai. And that is partly because nobody knew for sure where exactly the Hebrews crossed the Red Sea. But with this discovery, it should now be easier.

After they crossed the Red Sea, they went to Mount Sinai. ⁽³⁾

Look again at the map. The real Mount Sinai would have to be in what is now Saudi Arabia! And to this the Scripture itself bears witness: “**mount Sinai in Arabia**”!⁽⁴⁾ How could we have missed that for so long?

ORACLES FOR ALL MANKIND

Now the plan was activated to bond Israel together as a nation in a common trust in God. Organised by Moses at Sinai in a public covenant relationship with God (a unique event in any nation's history), the Hebrews became the recipients of the plan for the Coming One - the coming Deliverer of the human race. They were entrusted with written revelations of the divine purpose.

In a nutshell, it was known that when God created humanity, He entrusted us with the power of choice with independent thought. We chose to cut ourselves off from Him, and death passed upon us. In His love, God set up a plan to save as many of our fallen race as possible. This plan is complete and thorough and overwhelmingly generous. But we have to choose to accept it. His Son was to visit planet Earth, become one of us, then in our place take the death penalty upon Himself. But there were rules by which we must live if we were to be trusted in the coming new world.

At Sinai, the Ten Commandments were formally restated to these liberated slaves. Ten precepts, brief, comprehensive, and authoritative, cover the duty of man to God and to his fellow man, and all based upon the great fundamental principle of love.

They were given specific laws in family relationships, in diet, in dress, in business, in public health and in civil government - guidelines that are still beneficial today.

They were told that these blessings were “**for all peoples**”.⁽⁵⁾ The instructions were not for Israel alone, but for all nations. Israel was simply the vehicle. They were raised up to be a spiritual beacon.

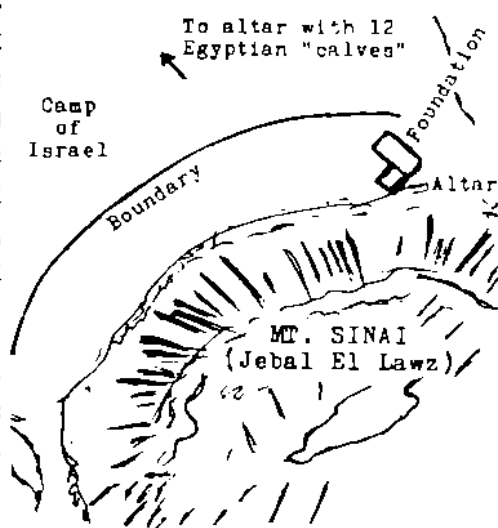
That's why they would soon be planted on the land bridge between three continents - Africa, Asia and Europe.⁽⁶⁾

Ron Wyatt went in search of this historic Mount Sinai. And not far from the opposite shore, where the Hebrews emerged from the parted sea, he came upon Jebal El Lawz, a steep, forbidding peak. Ron concluded from the language of the Bible that they had stayed "in" a mountain, enclosed in a mountain. An aerial map showed that this Jebal El Lawz had a large valley enclosed in the rim of an ancient volcano. There was an area of 5,000 acres in there. Was this, indeed, the real Mount Sinai?

The Bible records that God, clothed with majesty of fire, hovered upon the mountain, as He spoke like thunder the Ten Eternal Words.⁽⁷⁾ Ron climbed to the peak. He gasped, overcome at the sight: the top of the mountain was black and burned.

Again, according to the Bible, Moses was commanded to erect a barrier so that the people would not approach the mountain.⁽⁸⁾ Wyatt looked down. From the top of the mountain, he could see the fence, running in an arc around the front of the mountain. The boundary markers, when examined close up, were 18 feet in diameter.

Beyond the boundary markers was a huge area, certainly quite large enough to accommodate two million people and their herds. That had to be the camp site!



Only a few days had passed since the Hebrews had stood trembling before the mount, listening to the words of the Lord. While Moses was absent on the mount, it was to Israel a time of waiting and suspense. The people waited eagerly for him to return. Accustomed in Egypt to material representations of deity, it had been hard for them to trust in an invisible being. They had come to rely on Moses to sustain their faith. Now he was taken from them. Week after week passed, and still he did not return. It seemed to many in the camp that their leader had deserted them or that he had been consumed by the devouring fire.

THE GOLDEN CALF

The masses were determined to wait no longer for Moses. Among the objects regarded by the Egyptians as symbols of deity was the ox or **calf**. At the suggestion of those who had practised idolatry in Egypt, a calf was now made and worshipped. They decided this would represent God. The cloud, they said, now rested permanently upon the mount. It would no longer direct their travels. They must have an image in its place.⁽⁹⁾

Moses' deputy, Aaron, weakly gave in to their demands. Seeing the satisfaction with which the golden god was received, he built **an altar** before it and called a feast.⁽¹⁰⁾ The occasion degenerated into an orgy.

Upon his return, Moses angrily melted down the golden calf and ground it to powder.⁽¹¹⁾

By divine order, **the tent** that had served as a temporary place of worship was removed "afar off from the camp."⁽¹²⁾

Ron Wyatt went searching. In the valley at the base of the mountain, he found an ancient **altar** with **twelve** petroglyphs of the Egyptian **bull** god, Hathor, inscribed around its sides. Such petroglyphs are found nowhere else in Arabia; they are of the style distinctly Egyptian found in the tombs of Egypt. This indeed had to be the altar where Aaron made the golden calf.

Significantly, there were also very strong readings of the mineral **gold** registered at this site.

MORE SURPRISES

Outside the camp, under the mount, was the area of a foundation. Could this be the site to which Moses removed the worship **tent** after Aaron's golden calf? Adjacent to it was an **altar**. The Scripture mentions this "**altar** under the hill".⁽¹³⁾

"...and **twelve pillars**, according to the twelve tribes of Israel."⁽¹⁴⁾ Carefully searching, Ron came upon the remains of these pillars - twelve standing towers of stone, each eighteen feet in diameter.

Surprise upon surprise! Could this all be real? Every minor detail of the Scripture account was coming alive! The Bible was literally true. Skeptics... what now?

There was more to come. Still surviving - the remains of a twelve columned, white marbled shrine, dedicated to the "Mountain of God" (Yahweh).

Still visible was the bed of the large stream that, in this desert, flowed from the mountain to water the camp.

The Bible says of the manna upon which the Hebrews fed, that they "ground it in mills."⁽¹⁵⁾ If this was the site of the Hebrew camp, one might expect remains of artefacts to be found here. A portion of a **grinding stone** was found.

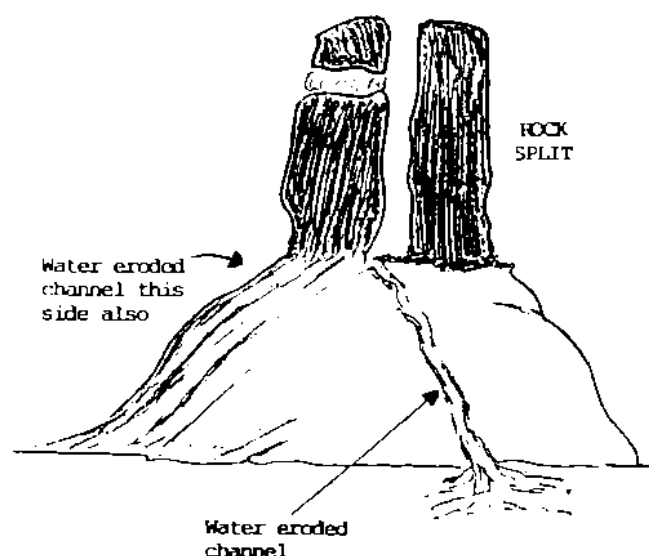
Fortunately the remoteness and the desert conditions had preserved these remains, just where they were left 3,500 years ago.

WATER FROM A ROCK!

From Mount Sinai, we backtrack toward the sea... and find ourselves in a place which fits the description of Rephidim.

It was here, in the desert, that, according to the book of Exodus, the Lord descended upon a rock, and out came living water.⁽¹⁶⁾ Moses was told to use his rod - the same rod at which the Red Sea parted - and to strike the rock. Was the rock also to be parted?

Here stands the most amazing monument on this planet!



In the midst of the plain rises a mound, perhaps twenty feet (six meters) in height. Atop this mound towers a great rock, for perhaps a further twenty feet. This giant boulder is split down the middle.

The remarkable thing is this: There is a water erosion channel coming from the TOP of the mound! It shows that large amounts of water once descended from the top of this twenty foot mound - out of the rock! As one walks through the split rock,

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Correction: The mound is c.110 feet (34 metres) high. The split rock rises 50 feet above that, for a total height equivalent to a 16 storey building.

one can see the channel worn in the rock from the water flow. And it runs from the rock, down opposite sides of the mound! The channels continue out on to the plain, where the Hebrews must have camped.

Then, says the Scripture, "Moses built an **altar**."⁽¹⁷⁾ That altar is still there.

Also to be seen are the remains of some stone dwelling enclosures of the Israelites.

Now anyone can claim that a spring comes out of the ground. BUT... to come out twenty feet above the ground, out of a desert rock - that's what one could call a miracle!

Certain experiences in one's life tower above the rest. Such was this. When I saw this evidence with my own eyes, I was stunned.

WHY SUCH MIRACLES FOR ISRAEL?

All of God's acts, though "supernatural" to us, are perfectly natural to His nature and power. Even when supernatural events find explanation in the framework of understood natural phenomena, does that lessen the divine, miraculous wisdom behind them?

There was a reason for the spectacular demonstrations witnessed during Israel's establishment.

Long had they been oppressed by slavery. God cared for them tenderly, supplied their every need, protected them from enemies and illness. And He worked spectacular miracles, time after time, **TO SHOW THAT THEY COULD TRUST HIM.**

Time and again they were led into situations from which there appeared no way out.

As when death took the flower of Egypt, including the son of Pharaoh, in one night - and Israel, spared, was suddenly freed from slavery.

As when the Red Sea was parted for their escape, and then the angry waters rolled back upon the Egyptian army.

Israel, after this, was not a nation unacquainted with God. Move by move, she was acquiring an incomparable heritage.

God gave these spectacular demonstrations **TO PROVE that He was**

APPOINTING that nation to a UNIQUE ROLE IN HISTORY. And other nations saw it too.

It was through THIS nation that the world's promised Deliverer was to enter the human race. He worked miracles for this nation, SO THAT THE WORLD WOULD FOCUS ON IT, AND ON THE DELIVERER WHO WAS TO COME THROUGH IT.

WORLDS BIGGEST LIAR?

And what has all this to do with the Noah's Ark discovery?

Our reason for this detour through the Red Sea and Saudi Arabia was to settle a vexing question. I had been troubled by Ron Wyatt's HUGE claims. My natural skepticism had the better of me. It had to be faced: this man was either the biggest liar on earth, or he had made several of the greatest archaeological discoveries of all time.

Well, now I've been down to the Red Sea. Yes, the remains are there. And James Irwin's team, High Flight, of Dallas, Texas, has (after many tries at getting permission) gone into the Saudi Arabian desert and photographed all the remains Ron claimed to have found there.

This detour to the Red Sea and Saudi Arabia was important. As I weighed the evidence (and, importantly, assessed the man himself), there was in my mind no longer any doubt that this man was telling the truth. Ron Wyatt had made some significant discoveries never before recognised by anyone.

But there still remained those serious objections against Wyatt's so-called "Ark" site. I got ready for the "attack".

1 Josephus, book 2, chap. 16, sec. 6

2 Ex.14:30-31

3 Ex.19:2

4 Gal.4:25

5 Isa.56:7 Zec.8:20-23

6 Ezek.5:5

- 7 Ex.19:18
- 8 Ex.19:12
- 9 Ex.32:1-4
- 10 Ex.32:5-6
- 11 Ex.32:20
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- 13 Ex.20:25 ;24:4
- 14 Ex.24:4
- 15 Num.11:8
- 16 Ex.17:6
- 17 Ex.17:15

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THOSE AWKWARD QUESTIONS



“There’s no doubt this is the Ark. I’ll stake my eternal life on it!”

I looked at him. He really, truly means it, I thought.

Ron kept his eye on the road. We were Memphis bound. A ten hour trip, it was - plenty of time to interrogate him. “Ask anything you like,” he urged.

Mary Nell, I could see, was also ready to respond. They were in this together and deeply committed. That was obvious.

“Have you seen the article in *Creation Ex Nihilo* (Sept.-Nov. 1992) debunking your research?” I queried.

Mary Nell was quick to respond. “Yes,” she said. “The article in question contained a massive amount of wrong information.”

“They complain you’re unwilling to reveal all.”

“I’ll state up front,” replied Ron, “that we are not ready to release all of our evidence on Noah’s Ark. This will be done when we are completely finished with our research. It has been our experience that if we release our information ‘piece-meal’, the critics have time to find ways to ‘explain away’ each evidence, even though the rationale behind these explanations is not realistic. Therefore, we are withholding the bulk of our research until we are completely finished.”

“You understand,” said Mary Nell, “we will not be bullied into revealing all of our research until we are finished with our work.”

“Prior to that article we had lots of phone calls from Australia trying to get us to reveal certain evidences. We suspect that our refusal was one of the reasons for that article.”

As a result of this interview, I was to be supplied with some crucial supporting documents, which appear in the appendix of this book.

OTHER SIMILAR BOAT SHAPES?

Jonathan Gray: Are there not other boat-shaped formations in the area, which are purely natural? I'll quote from that article (p.27), in reference to the original 1950's photographs of the Ark site taken during the NATO survey of the area:

“However, this particular boat-shape is far from unique. The Turkish Air Force released another photograph (see page 32) several years ago showing three similar boat-shapes in the mudflow material on the footslopes of nearby Lesser Mount Ararat.”

Ron Wyatt: There are other natural formations which have a superficially similar shape, but these do not have the special characteristics of this site.

In the presence of Turkish authorities and other observers, I performed an electronic survey of a site that some critics said resembled the boat formation. (The similarities were vague... non-existent.) The metal detectors and subsurface radar scans showed nothing in the site that was not present anywhere in the area.

Mary Nell Wyatt: In the NATO surveys of this area of Turkey, which were done in the 1950's, every inch of this section of eastern Turkey was photographed by high-altitude aircraft. The region was within 20 miles of the Russian border and a Soviet missile base. These photographs were taken so that it could later be determined if missiles had been moved into the area by comparing current photos with the earlier ones. Suffice it to say, every inch of ground was thoroughly photographed and documented, especially the remote areas of Greater and Lesser Ararat, which could provide excellent hiding places.

When the photograph that showed the “boat-like” shape was noticed, Dr. Arthur Brandenberger, the world's leading authority on stereo planography, said:

“I have no doubt at all that the object is a ship. In my entire career I have never seen an object like this in a stereo photo.”

Had there been any other formations even remotely similar in shape, these would have been detected in these surveys, which were **very** carefully examined.

Careful examination of the photo presented in the article will show that it has been touched up. Especially notice the one in the bottom left section.⁽¹⁾

But to further respond to this allegation of other similar boat-shapes in the area, part of the research done by Ron Wyatt and his associates was a careful examination of other areas which had a superficially similar appearance. Between August 20 and 27 of 1985, **Christian Broadcast Network** did a series of daily broadcasts on the work on the site. This was at the same time that ABC's "20/20" did their filming. These broadcasts were initiated by Dr. John Baumgardner, a geophysicist with Los Alamos National Laboratories in New Mexico and centred on interviews with him, on the work he was participating in with Ron and David Fasold at that time in investigating the "boat-shaped" object.

In one newscast they report:

“...Using a metal detector, Baumgardner has been able to confirm the existence of metal at regular intervals.”

In a live interview on the same program, from Ankara, Turkey, Dr. Baumgardner stated:

“We feel the formation is quite unique. There's several formations that have a superficially similar shape and we've investigated several of them. And they, uh, **as we investigate them, we find they do not have the special characteristics we find in the site we've been focusing on.**”

So here, on nationwide television, Dr. Baumgardner clearly states that the site he, Ron, David and the others in the team were working on was unique.

METAL READINGS: RANDOM, NOT REGULAR?

JG: The article states as fact that the metal readings were **random**, not regularly spaced:

“Using a standard beachcombing type metal detector (the type with a

disc shaped detector head on the end of a long pole) ‘hotspots’ were indeed found, but these were randomly distributed and not in a regular pattern along lines.”

MNW: In the CBN interviews I have just referred to, the statement is made by the newscaster:

“...Using a metal detector, Baumgardner has been able to confirm the existence of metal at regular intervals”. (Mary Nell passed me a newspaper article, **Noah’s Ark found?** See appendix A.) See, the reporter writes of a speech John Baumgardner gave at Los Alamos National Labs:

“Showing aerial slides which showed a striking boat-like shape, Baumgardner noted **the Americans found an organized pattern of metal** at the 6,300 foot elevation site with the aid of metal detectors.

‘For me, it was quite an amazing discovery to find the pattern of metal.’ he continued.”

A video tape of the 1985-6 field expeditions of Ron, David Fasold and John Baumgardner can be obtained from David Fasold, showing John Baumgardner himself using the metal detector and proving the regularity of the “hotspots”.

METAL DETECTOR “A DIVINING ROD” ?

JG: You are accused of using a “crank” device to obtain the iron patterns over the boat-shaped object.(p.29) The writer claims that the molecular frequency generator is nothing but a “divining rod”:

“Qualified scientists have been independently consulted about this gadget, which is generally advertised in treasure-hunting magazines, not scientific journals. They are unanimous that there are no scientific principles employed. Indeed, two of these scientists built and tested working models. The results of this technique can hardly be considered trustworthy, that brass welding rods being used in essence as divining rods, similar to the use of a forked stick to search for water.”

Are the readings based entirely on that molecular frequency generator?

RW: We have used four types of metal detectors:

1. Pulse induction
2. Ferromagnetic
3. Molecular frequency generator

4. Single antenna radar scanner. So even if you want to delete No. 3, the others give the same identical patterns.

MNW: In 1988, Ray Brubaker, of *God's News Behind the News* in St. Petersburg, Florida, asked an electrical engineer to research Ron's claims. This independent, non-biased research on the part of Terry Johnson of Tampa, FL, included research on the molecular frequency generator. Here's the report (appendix B) and it explains in layman's terms.

Also, notice that the *Ex Nihilo* article condemning this gives no names of the scientists who supposedly built and tested these devices.

Also, Joe Walker, of Nashville, TN. used the molecular frequency generator to help the police department locate the body of a boy drowned in a lake. (See appendix C)

This instrument is not "divining" but works on very solid scientific principles. Many scientists, archaeologists, engineers, etc. use them.

The molecular frequency generator we use is manufactured by Cochran and Associates of Bowling Green, Ky. and costs \$6,500.00 - quite a high price for a "divining rod". (appendix E)

The location of metal on the site with the molecular frequency generator was identical to those located by ferromagnetic and pulse induction detectors, as well as the subsurface interface radar.

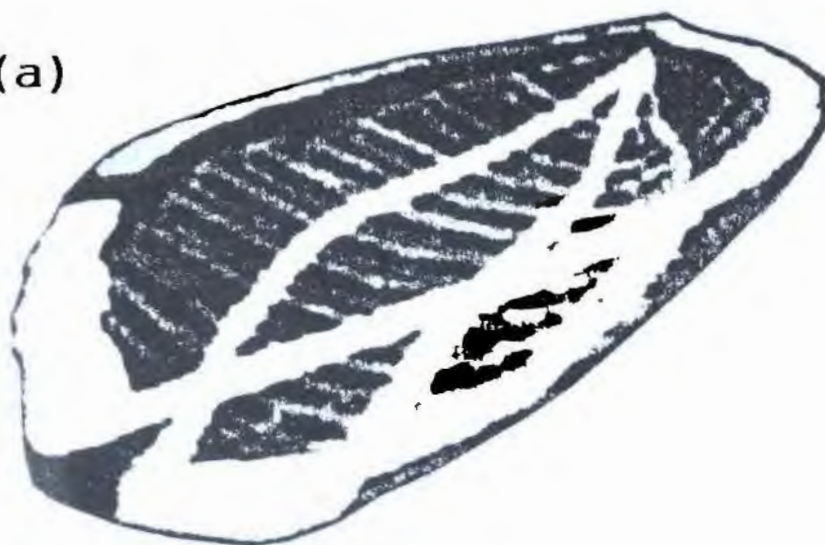
COMPLETE RADAR SCANS NEVER DONE BY RON WYATT?

JG: Claims are made that the radar data is not accurate and that a scan of the entire structure never took place. They claim that the 1986 scans were incomplete and more were never done:

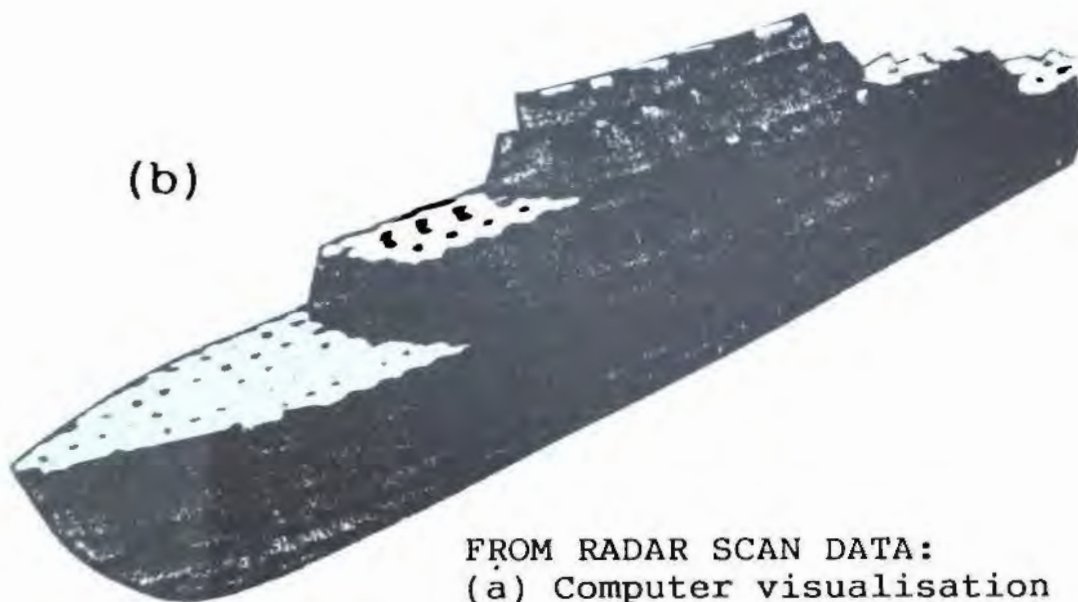
"...so the planned follow-up work to scan the whole formation never came to pass, at least not at the hands of Wyatt and Fasold, from all published accounts." (p. 29)

MNW: Again, let me stress that this author never had access to any of our research. He only received second hand reports from various people. We are still holding our "aces in the hold" until we are finished, but to prove that other scans were done, we have attached for you a copy of one of Ron's radar permits from 1987 (appendix F). This is positive proof that there were

(a)



(b)



FROM RADAR SCAN DATA:

(a) Computer visualisation
of the ribs and form of a
ship

(b) Computer reconstruction
of the original shape

(R.Wyatt)

scans that these people have no idea about. And there were numerous scans, not just one. Also attached is a copy of Ron's certificate of training on the GSSI radar equipment (appendix G).

JG: What type of radar scanner did you use?

RW: SIR3 subsurface radar scanner.

JG: Was the radar used in sweeps in three directions? I mean, was sweep triangulated?

RW: Yes, the sweeps were longitudinal, transverse and lateral, along the sides.

JG: Did you do this for the whole length of the object?

RW: Yes.

JG: In your video, a computer visualisation of the skeleton of a ship is portrayed. From the radar readings to the computer images: did you use a software program to analyse the images? How did you get the computer images from the radar images? Are the end results enhanced by the computer? How tamper-proof is the transfer to the computer?

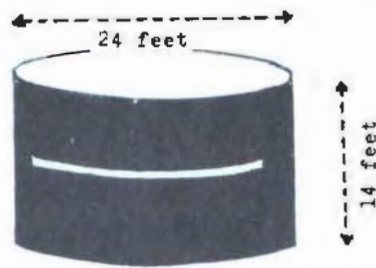
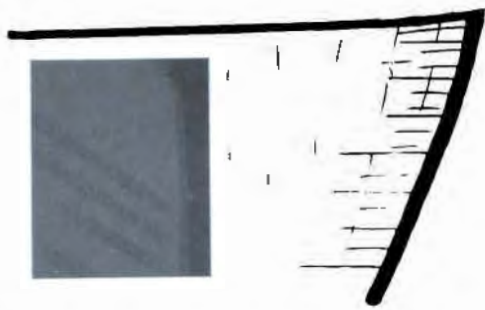
RW: We used the same technique which the U.S. government uses when they see a satellite image and they don't know what it is. It is called a Ground Truth unit, which verifies beyond doubt. It is not enhanced. Raw data from the scan.

Joseph Rosetta, vice-president of Geophysical Survey Systems, Inc., whose radar system we used, said of the boat-shaped object, afterwards, "You'd never see anything like that in natural geography.... Some humans made this structure, whatever it is."⁽²⁾

This company's subsurface interface radar system is used worldwide to test structures of nuclear power plants, to locate buried pipes, cables and wires, and to examine the ground beneath roads.

Tom Fenner and Joe Rosetta (both of Geophysical Survey Systems, Inc., of Hudson, New Hampshire) said there is **no way you can fake** a radar reading. What is more, the radar survey was videotaped, as we did it. I now have about a thousand feet of radar scan print-outs.

JG: The interface radar unit could penetrate forty feet under the surface and could clearly depict what was inside the mound. Have you seen anything?



RW: Yes. we have seen walls, cavities, a door near the south end, and also ramps. There are chambers. Along the keel, there is timber 20 feet through. At the same end as the door, near the bow, there are two large round tanks, 14 feet high and 24 feet across, with metal bands around them. The deck support timbers are intact along the western side and this can be seen by means of the subsurface interface radar.

“NOT MAN-MADE” SAYS GSSI?

JG: The claim is made that the manufacturer of the radar scanner, GSSI of Hudson, New Hampshire, states that they do not believe the formation to contain man-made structure:

“Fenner goes on to indicate that neither he nor GSSI believes the formation to be manmade.”(p. 30)

MNW: Here, Jonathan, is an article entitled, “Archaeologist certain he’s found the Ark”. It’s dated August 3, 1986. Now, in 1992, we have received this article **from GSSI in their information packet which they send out to people interested in the subsurface interface radar scanners.** (appendix H) It’s rather strange that they would deny that they believe this to contain man-made structure, when in 1992 they are using this article in their advertising. In the article, Joe Rosetta, the vice-president of GSSI (and also Tom Fenner’s boss) states:

“Although Rosetta would not reveal his opinion about Wyatt’s claim, he said of the buried object, - You’d never see anything like that in natural geology... Some human made this structure, whatever it is.”

We also recently received another advertisement on the GSSI radar which again mentions it’s use on the Noah’s Ark site:

“GSSI systems have travelled to Egypt to search for underground tombs 4,000 years old, to Turkey to locate the true resting place of Noah’s Ark, and to the Arabian peninsula to find the site of an ancient city that was a spice-trading center.” (appendix I)

Joe Rosetta also appeared on the Hudson NH television channel 9 in an interview in which he states, while displaying the actual scan from the Ark, which we show in our presentations:

“This data is not, does not represent natural geology- **it’s a man-made structure.** These reflections are occurring very periodic, too periodic to be random natural-type interfaces.”

We do not ask nor expect GSSI, nor any other research facility, to conclude that the evidence proves it to be Noah’s Ark - we simply state their conclusions as to what the tests or evidence represent, such as the fact that the radar scans definitely show man-made structure. When Joe Rosetta viewed the data, he was shown the video of the scan in progress on the boat. So he, as well as Tom Fenner, not only saw the results of the scans, but also the work in progress with the scan results being printed as the scan took place. When Ron went to GSSI, he videoed the entire process of their interpreting the scan results, and we have that video in our possession.

THE DECK TIMBER NOT PROVEN?

JG: Why do you say there is petrified wood when others say no?

RW: Well, the Ark became buried in mud and sand, which by a process of siliconization, petrified the giant ship and preserved its shape.

JG: But they say that what you claim to be wood has no growth rings.

RW: These same scientists fail to recognise the fact that pre-Flood vegetation had no seasonal growth rings.

So these men, upon observance of the structural remains that appear on the boat-shaped object at regular intervals, declared them to be rocks! Now, if we truly believe the biblical description of the earth before the Flood, we **know** that there couldn’t possibly be any growth rings in pre-Flood wood. The Bible says there was no rain,⁽³⁾ that a mist went up and watered the whole face of the earth. Are not growth rings the result of a variance in water supply and seasonal temperature changes in trees and other vegetation?

JG: You mean there are no growth rings in the fossils of pre-Flood trees.

RW: I'll quote Baxter, in the publications of the transactions of the Kansas Academy of Science. He said this:

"It has been shown that a lack of annual rings is characteristic of wood of all Carboniferous plants the world over."⁽⁴⁾

And notice this. (He passed me a statement from an encyclopedia referring to ancient sigillarias found without any growth rings.) "To support trunks of six-foot base diameter and 60 to 100 foot height, tissues must have increased in thickness from year to year. There was, as we have already said, secondary bark and wood, similar to that of modern trees but lacking the spring and winter rings which correspond to seasonal alternation of moisture and dryness."⁽⁵⁾

I tell you, if growth rings were found in the wood of the Ark, it would be a fake or a replica.

JG: Your opponents say that you will not subject your "wood" sample to scientific scrutiny.(p.31)

RW: Just look at the specimen. It's behind the seat. See where a section has been cut off the corner of this piece of deck timber? Thin sections have been cut for microscopic examination.

We have extensive testing done on this sample, most of which will remain confidential until we are finished working. However, we can positively prove that the lab tests prove it to contain organic carbon, and that it has been examined by thin section under electron microscope.

JG: You say this is laminated deck timber. You know your opponents are saying that the "adhesive" between each layer may be only calcite veining.(p.31)

RW: Take a look at that sample again. Look, the excess of the cementing substance was squeezed out the end of the plank, hardened, and remained fossilised. Where the cut was made, you can see how thin and even it is inside between each layer of board. It was squeezed and ran down to appear wider only on the outside. It's an adhesive. And it's laminated wood. That's for sure.

MNW: The lab test (appendix J), from Galbraith labs, shows testing for **total carbon**, which includes both organic and inorganic, and then testing for **only inorganic**. The presence of organic carbon is proven by subtracting the total



of inorganic carbon from the total carbon. The result is the amount of organic carbon. This test, which is only one of the numerous testing done on this deck timber, shows that there was .7019% organic carbon in the timber. The presence of any organic carbon proves the object was not a rock, but does contain once-living matter. (.7100% total carbon less .0081% inorganic carbon = .7019% organic carbon)

The timber was taken to Teledyne-Allvac labs where it was examined by electron microscope in 1992. I personally videoed the entire process, including the entire process with the electron microscope - filming the screens as they were viewed. These folks will just have to wait to learn about these evidences at the same time everyone else does. We have all of these results filed along with photographs of the thin sections, etc. We also have a very large number of witnesses as well, as Richard Rives of Matthews, NC accompanied us, and numerous personnel of Teledyne witnessed the work and are all on video.

See this? A photo of one of the electron microscope scans. (appendix K) Jonathan, the complete data on all the tests on this deck timber will be released just as soon as we finish work.

JG: Do you have any idea what type of wood it is?

RW: The latest test has confirmed that the two outer layers are of cypress; the inner layer is, as yet, unidentified.

TURKS FOUND NO METAL OBJECTS?

MNW: It is claimed that Ron lied about Turks finding metal objects—4 foot long metal rods—in the site.

JG: Yes, I read that:

“As for the report of the Turkish archaeologists finding eight pairs of long forked metal rods, etc, the only source of that story is Wyatt himself.” (p. 33)

MNW: Well, in the article referred to earlier regarding the John Baumgardner report at Los Alamos Labs (appendix A), it is stated:

“Since the American team’s August visit the Turkish government has sent an archaeological group to the site and recovered four-foot-long iron spikes, petrified wood and other metal objects, Baumgardner said.”

As a scientist, he isn’t going to report to Los Alamos Labs something he doesn’t know to be fact.

RON WYATT PLANTED ARTEFACTS?

JG: Several claims are made that Dr. Bayraktutan, a member of the Noah’s Ark Commission in Turkey, does not support Ron’s claims. They even state that he accuses Ron of “planting” artefacts on the site:

“...not only most emphatically does not support this and other claims, but is at pains to dissociate himself from almost all of Wyatt’s claims about the site, expressing grave doubts about how much of Wyatt’s ‘evidence’ actually found its way on to the site.” (p . 33)

MNW: In late July this year (1992), I personally was with Ron when he met with Dr. Bayraktutan in Erzurum, Turkey, in the dining room of the Oral Hotel. I witnessed the entire conversation and personally asked him questions about certain things. He expressed concern about the people in Australia and was relieved to discover that Ron was not working with them.

He also told us that 2 individuals had done a core drill in 1988 and still owed the Turkish government quite a large amount of money resulting from the cost of building a road to take the core drill equipment onto the site, plus the cost of the equipment. The last statement he made as we stood up to walk out was, We are still 100% sure it is the Ark - don’t worry.”

Salih Bayraktutan is on the Noah's Ark Commission, but he isn't the head of it. Ron deals directly with the various ministries in Ankara.

As to the accusation that Ron's samples "made their way on to the site", we have a signed statement from witnesses who were present when Ron found the fossilized rivet. (appendix L)

I, myself, found the animal hairs; Greg Brewer found the antler; Dr. Nathan Meyers found one of the chunks of ballast - none of these were found secretly - all were in the presence of numerous people.

The author of this magazine article has never met Ron. He has never had access to our research except through what he could learn from other people.

RIVET IS JUST BASALT?

JG: It is claimed, Ron, that the fossilised "rivet" you found, is only basalt, and they suggest the same for a lot of other things, as well.(p.32)

MNW: I'll answer that, Jonathan. Again, as we said earlier, there are some things which we just are not going to release. However, in order to vindicate the attack on the rivet, here is part of a lab report from Teledyne-Allvac. (appendix M)

The report includes a paragraph which is extremely important - I have blacked out names and addresses of the lab because we cannot allow them to be harassed by inquisitive phone calls. Any questions relating to the work done at this lab will be answered when we release our data. As mentioned earlier, I personally videoed all work in progress, including their taking the samples to be tested, etc.

This paragraph mentioned as being quite important is the last one of the attached report from Teledyne-Allvac. It is actually at the top of page 2, but I placed it so as to reflect the lab's letterhead. This paragraph reads:

"It is interesting to note that location 1 (presumably fossilized timber members) was found to contain much higher carbon (-1.9%) than location 2 (presumably fossilized metal)."

The significance of this is: one sample was taken of the actual metal rivet. This section was tested twice and showed carbon content of .14% and .13%. Then, a mere centimetre away, a sample was taken of the area around the

metal impression. This showed carbon content of 1.88% and 1.97% in the two tests done on it. This shows that within a centimetre, we have an area that contains almost **15 times** more carbon as 1 centimetre adjacent to it! Whether these folks want to admit it or not, this is as positive evidence as you can get that this fossilized object - whatever it is, even if a person wants to reject it being a rivet - this is evidence that it is 2 distinct structures. One with minute amounts of carbon in it, while right next to it, an object with 15 times more carbon in it- enough to have been once living matter.

Much more evidence on this rivet will be revealed only after Ron is completely through with his research, including the presence of organic carbon, which is not present in basalt.

Again, the author of the *Ex Nihilo* article has never seen the rivet.

THE “ANCHOR STONES” MADE BY ARMENIANS?

JG: It is asserted that the “anchor stones” are not really anchor stones, but that they were made by Armenians, etc. It is claimed that there is evidence that these once had other inscriptions on them beside the crosses, and that these pagan inscriptions were removed at a later date and replaced by Christian crosses. They also claim these are again, basalt.

“This is no mere conjecture, as those who have examined these stelae report that there is evidence of an earlier defacement.” (p. 34)

MNW: The most interesting thing about this report is that they mention numerous times people and scientists who have “examined” this and that, but no names are ever given. Not too many people have actually seen them. Many of them, no one has seen but Ron because he is the only person who knows where they are. The article produces no photos showing any signs of “earlier defacement”. We have hundreds of close-up photos and video of all of these anchor stones, and **none** of them show any sign of earlier defacement.

We also have video where, in 1988, we applied ultraviolet paint to these stones in order to be able to photograph cracks in the stones which would not be visible to the naked eye. We contacted Kodak in Rochester NY who sent us complete information on the procedure. We purchased a special light for viewing the stones with the ultraviolet sensitive liquid on the stones. This procedure is used, for example, by Egyptologists who are checking for earlier inscriptions on ancient Egyptian monuments. The liquid seeps into

microscopic cracks, which are revealed when the ultraviolet light is shone on the surface.

Now, again, **I personally** applied the liquid during the daylight. We returned to the sites in the dead of night where we examined these, photographed them and videoed them. There is positively no evidence for any earlier defacement on any of these stones that any of us have seen.

RW: Near Kazan, I recently found two more anchor stones, which are just now beginning to surface as the mud erodes - and they have no crosses or other carvings on them. But they do have the same unusual holes at the top. These were apparently covered by mud soon after the Flood.

MNW: We **will** release a photocopy of a photograph of one of the anchor stones Ron found which is still partially buried in the earth and is just now becoming visible (appendix O). Apparently it was buried in the mud when it was dropped. Only now is the earth eroding away from it enough for it to become visible. We have 3 of these documented and none of them have crosses carved on them, yet they all have the hole at the top. **This disproves the old theory that the Armenians made them and carved the inscriptions on them at the time they made them.**

JG: It is claimed that Soviet Armenia is loaded with stones like this, with holes in them.

RW: Those who say that can not have been to Soviet Armenia. Levon Azarian has made a lifetime study of the stone **Khatchkars** of Soviet Armenia. *Not one* has ever been found with a hole pierced through its top. And David Fasold will agree with that.⁽⁶⁾

But marine archaeologists are plucking anchor stones of the same type as these near the Ark site from ancient harbours and shipwrecks. Tell them that what they're finding is Armenian tombstones!

MNW: The writer of this article and his cohorts must have made an awful lot of enquiries until they could find someone who would provide them with a story that these anchors are common. So far, we have not been able to find any record of anything like them anywhere else. And the Turks ought to know! The crosses carved on them are of 2 styles - Byzantine and Crusader. This shows that these people identified the stones with holes in them with 8 people. The upright stone in the village of Kazan has more than 8 crosses on it. Close examination of these do show that many of these were put on at a later date for the algae is not growing on these later crosses as it does in the original crosses.

As to the type of rock that these are made of, since we can't bring one home, we can't prove the type they are made of any more than can the unnamed persons who "examined these" in the report. We will document the taking of a small sample of one of them so that there will be no doubt as to the validity of the sample when it is verified by scientific testing.

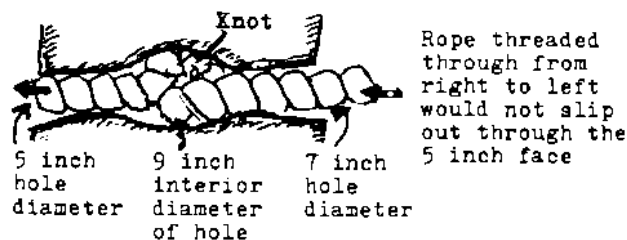
JG: It's claimed that the holes were cut in the top to drag the stones to their present location. So I have heard one person say.

RW: Well, Jonathan, let me say that, for a start, they're far too heavy to have been carried up to the mountain peaks they were found resting on. The location and size of the holes are such that out of water the holes would break right off under the weight of the stones. By the very location of the hole it can be seen that it was to be supported by a medium heavier than air. Only in the buoyancy of water could they be held by ropes.



*Dr. Allen Roberts beside one of
the drogue stones
(Photo: "People" magazine)*

Now, my friend, notice this. The holes have a larger inner diameter than outer. It appears they threaded a knotted rope or cable in through the 7 inch hole toward the 5 inch aperture. This would leave the knot in the 9 inch interior space. It could not come out through the 5 inch diameter, so it would catch in there. Then, in the water, the knot would swell and hold tight, thus preventing chafing. Pretty clever, if you ask me.



JG: Do you believe the stones today lie near the same spot as when they were released from the Ark?

RW: That appears to be so. The Ark's entry into this area is clearly defined by the positions of the stones. As the Ark came progressively into shallower water, it is probable that these stones were progressively "lost" on purpose. Apparently as the Ark drifted, the first two anchors snagged on two submerged peaks, where, each in turn, they were cut loose and lie today, a short distance apart. Further east, in a gentle arc to the south, as the boat made a direct line through these mountains, toward its final resting place, more anchors were cut loose. Kazan, the village where five of these are located, is in a direct line with the twin peaks where the first two dropped. Two more are buried in this direct line. Then about eight miles further, about a quarter mile below the boat, lies the tenth one.

BALLAST: NOT SLAG, BUT MANGANESE NODULES?

JG: The claim is made that the manganese samples have never been examined by thin section:

"However, no microscope thin section has been produced to show whether the samples collected and claimed to be slag do in fact have the internal texture and mineral composition of a true slag." (p. 33)

MNW: In fact this certainly has been done. We have in our possession photos and lab analyses which John Baumgardner had done at Los Alamos of numerous samples. One of these samples was of the ballast material (appendix P). In his own handwriting, Dr. Baumgardner wrote on the report: **"tailing of aluminum aloid production"** and signed it **"John Baumgardner, Los Alamos."** He sent these reports to Ron and we have them on file. (See 2nd page of appendix P). The writing is faint on the copy I have attached to this response, but can be made out on our original.

JG: John Morris, your opponent who has sought the Ark somewhere else, suggests that what you call ballast here could well be manganese nodules, such as are found on the floor of the Pacific Ocean.

MNW: This can be easily disproved. First of all, these aren't on the Pacific floor! In one of our analyses, we have an 84% manganese content and in another, 87%. From the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* (appendix R), you can see that manganese nodules are normally about 35% manganese, with high concentrations being 50%. Also, these found on the ocean floor contain significant amounts of copper (2.5%). Our sample contains less than .03% copper.

JG: He says this boat-shape is mud that has welled up from an old sea.

RW: If that was so, the manganese nodules would average slightly less than 2 inches in diameter. But this site is so very different. The most significant evidence is the size. Our sample is 7 inches by 10 inches with a depth of about 2½ to 3 inches.

TURKEY NEVER ACKNOWLEDGED THE SITE?

JG: Claims are made that no Turkish announcement has been made about Noah's Ark.(p.35)

MNW: I have here a copy of the Turkish newspaper article in the *Hurriyet*, the largest Turkish newspaper, dated June 21, 1987 (appendix S). It is translated in the front of Ron's book, *Discovered - Noah's Ark*, but you may want to have your own done.

And here's a copy of Turkish tourism literature, which we picked up in Ankara in August of 1989, which advertises Noah's Ark, complete with a photograph of the site. (appendix T)

As to the highway, at the dedication ceremony on June 20, 1987, at which Ron was guest of honour, plans were shown him of the visitors centre and of the planned highway. David Fasold mentions this in his newsletter.

This highway was not to go up into the mountain to the actual Ark site-it was to lead to the cut-off that leads up into the mountain. The Turks had anticipated a great influx of tourists to the area and the present road was insufficient to handle the expected traffic, especially of buses. However, because of the extreme attacks by the Mt. Ararat Ark hunters, the US tourists never came to pass, at least not in large numbers. The road construction

began in 1988 and was never completed. Then, the area became quite dangerous for tourists due to terrorist activity. Our statements made about the road construction were based on what the Turks told Ron and David Fasold. We documented the beginning of the highway construction in 1989 where they moved all the power and telephone lines over, and actually began laying asphalt that was in places 14 to 18 inches deep. But when we returned in 1990, it was not completed.

A newspaper article about the Turks' acceptance of the site as Noah's Ark is criticised in the article simply because it was in a Nashville newspaper - the implication being that the reporter was biased. However, the reporter spoke personally with Turkish officials in both New York and Ankara. He also interviewed John Baumgardner for the article.

LATER WORK DISPROVED THE SITE?

JG: It is claimed that core drills showed no trace of anything but rock.

RW: John Morris said he did core drills. But they did not take radar with them on that occasion, so that they could target anything. They hit oxidised iron plates and some ballast.

Members of that group rented a core drilling outfit from the Turks. Disappointed when they found "nothing", they hurriedly left the place, owing, according to the Turks, several thousand dollars.

JG: Your opponents say they did a radar scan and found no evidence of any pattern. How come your scan suggested something man-made and theirs did not?

RW: Our scan was done in May when there was still a lot of moisture in the fossilised timber. You see, wet fossilised wood gives a more powerful reflection, so it would be much easier to locate on the radar. They did their scan late in summer when it was dried out. That was a tactical error.

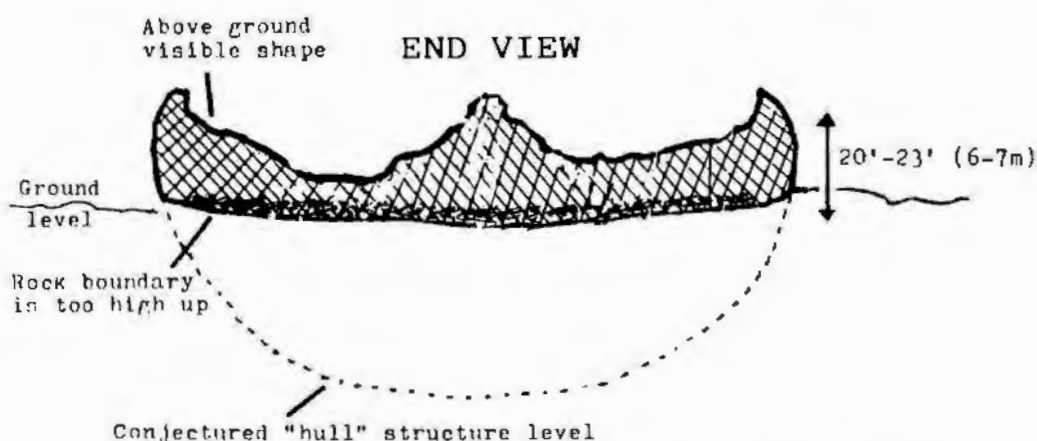
We used a SIR3 radar scanner. They used a SIR8 which was set for automatic, to target the MOST DENSE material and missed everything else. The equipment zeroed in on the metallic ballast. Any ship structure below the ballast was obliterated by the reading of the ballast.

They did it right considering they didn't know the ballast was there; had they known the ballast was there, they would have done it differently. So they got the ballast. But there's (less dense) Ark above it and Ark below it.

It was ballast they zeroed in on. The instrument ignored the less dense fossilised wood. They should have set it for a particular depth, as we did... 8 feet, 16 feet, whatever.

JG: But what about the DEPTH of this "ballast" they found? They say it was no more than 6 to 7 metres (20 to 23 feet) down. Since the Ark was 51.5 feet high, then shouldn't ballast in the bottom of the ship also be some 50 feet or so down?

RW: The ballast is where it should be. Some people have a mistaken idea of how much of the Ark is buried below the surface. They think that if this were the Ark, then just under the mud overburden would be the top deck. And that the hull (and therefore any ballast) should be perhaps 50 feet down from the present mud surface. That's what some of them conjecture.



That's wrong. You see, the upper two decks have collapsed. Their rubble has contributed to the centre mound in the boat-shape. The varying height of the mound in different places agrees with the most likely positions of former upper deck structures before they collapsed under the weight of the lava overburden.



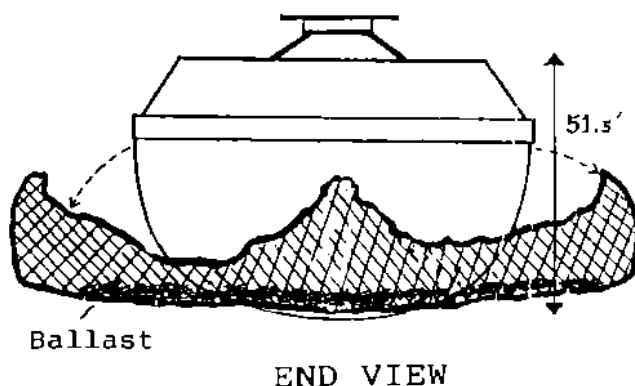
Below this mound lies the lower deck and then the hull. It is the lower deck that lies just below the surface. The visible above-ground boat-shape - the walls of that are the outline of the hull itself (somewhat pushed out, under the weight of mud overburden).

JG: How far down, then, is the bottom of the ship?

RW: In the centre, along the mid-section, about 25 to 28 feet. At the ends it's shallower.

JG: So that's why they hit ballast no deeper than 20 to 23 feet?

RW: Yes, that's the level at which they found their "rock".



JG: It is claimed that geologic survey work done in 1987 and 1988 by John Baumgardner with Dr. Bayraktutan prove that this isn't Noah's Ark, or that it is even man-made structure. (p. 36)

MNW: We have a copy of the July 1987 radar survey done. It claims to be written jointly by John Baumgardner and Dr. Bayraktutan. In July 1992, I took a copy of this to Turkey and when Ron met with Dr. Bayraktutan, I myself showed it to him and asked him to verify that it was indeed the official documentation of that survey. He told me it was. (appendix U) I will quote from that report:

"We conclude that the data from our geophysical investigations in no way conflict with the proposition that the unusual boat-shaped site near Mahser village contains the remains of Noah's Ark."

As to the evidences of the core-drilling in 1988 by Dr. Baumgardner, here is an excerpt from one of his "newsletters" (appendix V):

"Another notable discovery was the presence at three locations in the mudflow layer of nodules of the bright yellow mineral limonite. Limonite is a hydrated oxide of iron, and its occurrence in this environment appears to be anomalous. Just how anomalous is the crucial question, since the minerals in the rocks in the source area of the mudflow have a moderate iron content. However, during the months now that I have worked at the site, I have never seen this bright yellow material anywhere in the fissures or exposures in the mudflow clay. Because earlier investigations led us to suspect unusual amounts of iron in the site, these occurrences of limonite are of special interest as they could represent the rusted remains of metallic iron objects."

WHY NOT IN THE HEADLINES?

JG: Tell me, Ron, why hasn't Noah's Ark made the headlines?

RW: First of all, it is our policy to work quietly and not seek publicity until we are completely finished. We believe firmly that this is in God's timing and only He will dictate when it will be brought to the attention of the world. The Turkish government did make a major announcement back in 1987, when they dedicated the site as a national park, and later when it was upgraded to the status of national treasure, and it has been in the news at various times.

We have no plans to seek publicity until we are completely finished with our research.

The bottom line is this: we do not know at what point the Lord will say, "That is enough - the work is finished." There is enough evidence for anyone who really wants the truth. But we hope to be able to excavate enough of the remains to convince even the most hardened skeptic. Although we have plans to do more, it's ultimately in His hands.

A FINAL QUESTION

JG: Finally, Ron, what do you say about those who don't agree with you? Those who say they are more qualified?

RW: There are over 500 people who have a sheepskin scroll with a Ph.D. on it who got their doctorate degree by writing about the Piltdown Man!

(Piltdown Man, if you didn't know, was for forty years hailed by the scientific world as a missing link - a "proof" of evolution. Then it was discovered to be a hoax!)

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As this book neared completion, I received a letter from Dr. Carl Wieland, Managing Director of Creation Science Foundation, which published *Creation Ex Nihilo*. I accepted his assurance that his organisation was "not involved in any conspiracy to 'silence' this particular site." And I was able to assure Carl, in turn, that this present work, *The Ark Conspiracy*, was not titled with reference to his organisation's article. The reader will have already noted in what context the term "conspiracy" has been used (see Chapter 9).

Carl told me that he did "not believe that it is likely anymore that the Ark will be found on Mt. Ararat itself. Most of the reasons for the searching there have been the eyewitness reports only." He expressed an interest "to print an update if further information is forthcoming, regardless of which way it tends."

Meanwhile, a massive amount of wrong information had been circulated. The writer of the article didn't even give the names of so-called "scientists" who claimed to have examined the anchor stones and built molecular frequency generators.

It appeared that much of the mis-information could be sourced to a certain John Morris.

THE DECEIT GOES ON

Soon after this a programme was aired on American television pushing the claim that the Ark had been sighted on Mount Ararat proper. The Wyatts decided to release a report on the matter. It read as follows:

EVIDENCE OF DECEIT ON RECENT CBS SHOW ON NOAH'S ARK

With all the lies that are being told about our work, we have decided that it is necessary to show how unreliable the information is that was given in the recent "Amazing Discovery of Noah's Ark" which was shown on CBS on Feb. 20, 1993.

Near end of the program, a man from Holland spoke of how he flew with Jim Irwin around Mt. Ararat and they saw an object that they knew was Noah's Ark. They showed a photograph. Earlier, the narrator told how Jim Irwin was sure he had found the Ark but kept it quiet until he was able to mount a ground expedition to the site of the photograph. Sadly, they explained, Jim died before he could accomplish this.

Well, in the book *Noah's Ark and the Lost World* by John D. Morris, copyrighted 1988, on page 31 you will see this same exact photograph that was shown as having been photographed by Jim Irwin's expedition. The caption below this photograph reads:

"...A friend of mine took this photo by holding his camera out over the ledge of a cliff. It was too dangerous for him to reach the edge and look over, but he was able to take several pictures of the hidden canyon below. When the film was developed and the pictures examined, a strange object that looks like Noah's Ark could be seen, just as these enlargements show. But because he didn't actually see the object himself, we don't know for certain what it really is. In fact, the more we study the picture, the less we believe it to be the Ark - but we certainly plan to go back and take a closer look! We call this picture the 'Mystery Photo'".

The book was published before Jim Irwin's last flight around the mountain. Also, Morris claims a friend of his took the photo by hanging over a ledge.??? They are the very same photograph, but with two very different stories. The publisher of the book is Master Books, should you want to see the photo for yourself.

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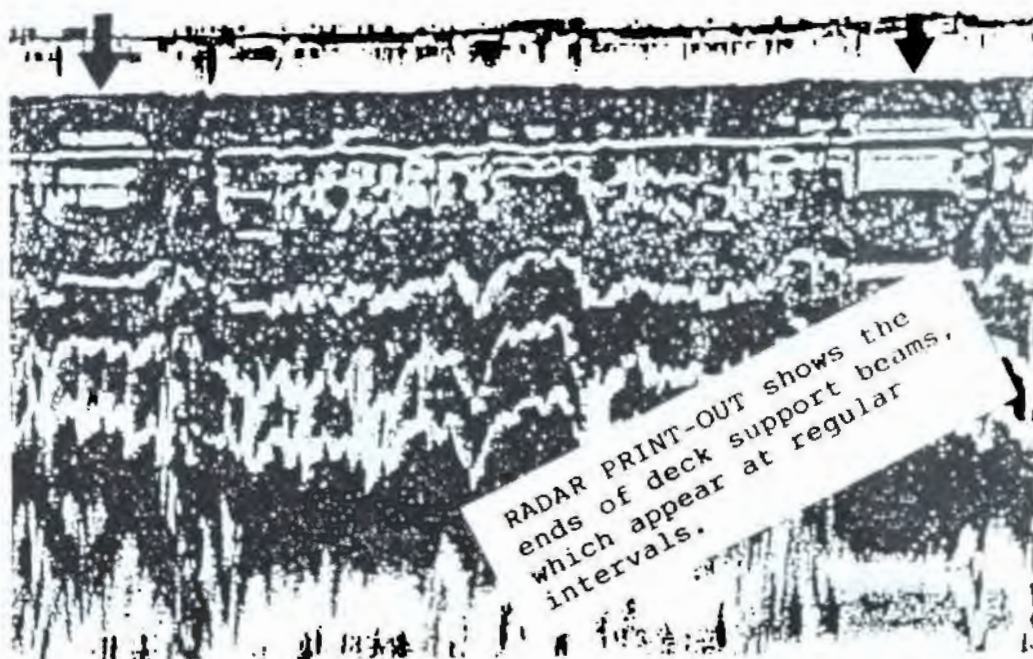
One thing stood out in this investigation: Ron and Mary Nell Wyatt were thorough. Ron had been coming back to his site for fifteen years. Thirty-four visits to date. Twelve years of electronic and mechanical probing. Repeated mechanical analysis of many different samples. Samples taken from the structure in the presence of many witnesses. I discovered that they were going to universities and libraries - visiting every museum in every country that they could. They were consulting experts in each field regarding "fact", but they were not asking anyone to endorse the fact that "this is Noah's Ark". They believed the general public were quite able to make their own decisions, given enough fact.

The Wyatts now had sixty hours of video footage covering research at the site.

Throughout all this, I had been carefully assessing both Ron and his wife. Until I met them, I harboured serious doubts. But I was determined to know the truth. And I claimed the promise of the Lord that He would let me know what was of Him and what was not.⁽⁷⁾

This Ron Wyatt - this real-life "Indiana Jones" who had got himself beaten, kidnapped, almost killed a few times - why was he doing it?

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- 1 You can find this Turkish Air Force photo back in Chapter 10, in the form in which *Creation Ex Nihilo* reproduced it.
 - 2 "Science/Technology" promotion in *Sunday Telegraph* (N.H.), August 3, 1986
 - 3 Gen.2:5,6
 - 4 Excerpt from a presentation to the Association of Geological and Earth Sciences at Oxford University, U.K., by John Mackay, Creation Research Director. (Excerpt from his video of that talk)
 - 5 *The Larousse Encyclopedia of the Earth*.. London: The Hamlyn Publishing Group Limited, revised ed. 1972, p.369
 - 6 Fasold, pp.167-168
 - 7 John 7:17; 8:32; Prov.1:23



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INDIANA JONES . . . MOVE OVER ‘



- * “WORLD’S GREATEST ARCHAEOLOGIST - OR WHAT...?”
- * “His claims are not moderate; they are huge... (and) make Indiana Jones look like a whimpy school boy.”

So said his opponents.

It was impossible that ONE MAN could discover so many of THE MOST SOUGHT AFTER RELICS ON EARTH. Perhaps if this amateur had found just one, it might be forgiven him. But not a whole string of them... bang, bang, bang... one after another!

THE REASON WHY

“Why are you doing it?” I asked, “Three or so trips a year must cost you a packet.”

The anaesthetist father of three straightened up and looked straight at me. “Jonathan, it’s not for treasure. I take the Bible LITERALLY and go after the evidence.

“There have been some EXTRAORDINARY INTERVENTIONS OF GOD IN HISTORY. For example, the parting of the Red Sea. So I tracked the route, dived down, and, at 80 to 100 feet, there they were - 3,400 year old Egyptian chariot wheels and skeletons of men and horses.”

I shuddered as he handed me a shrunken horse hoof and various human bones. His underwater video was spine-tingling.

"I'm going back next week to look for more. Will you come with me?"

"How do you finance your work, Ron?"

"For the most part, out of my own pocket. I sold a farm; we own nothing except the equipment for our research and our two 1985 vehicles. I make a good salary at my hospital work. I have to do this 'part time' in order to spend time overseas."

"Some of your former colleagues are claiming your work on the Ark to be their own discovery," I said.

"Sure," he quipped, with a half smile, "they discovered it - after I pointed to it!"

"But Ron, doesn't it bother you that others may get the credit?"

"Let them, if the CREDIT means so much to them," he sighed. "But CREDIBILITY - that's the thing. Not for me, but for the Good Book. That's all I want."

"What about the skeptics?"

"Attitudes are influenced by parents and environment," he responded. "And later we may find we've picked up some wrong ideas. That's often hard to face. So the least I can do is show some understanding. Jesus died for these people too."

WHY NOT FOUND LONG AGO?

"Why haven't all these things been found before?"

"It is my belief that we are living in the last days of this planet's existence as we know it, and that Christ is coming very soon. God is going to bring human history to a close with a tremendous show of His power. So, in this age of skepticism, just before it happens, He's going to reveal these previously hidden evidences to give proof that His past interventions were real. And God has miraculously preserved all of these evidences of the major events of biblical history to show that His Word is accurate down to the last detail.

"Just think about these, Jonathan. His most dramatic evidences in history included the Flood, the opening of the Red Sea, the falling judgment on Sodom and Gomorrah. All these will now be revealed. Great treasures, God's great 'attention getters'.

“Before He intervenes again, the Creator will give every person the chance to know the truth.

“There’s a prophecy that He will do something that will call non-believers (Gentiles) to Him, and that He will show them that He really is the Lord:

“...the Gentiles shall come to you from the ends of the earth, and shall say, **Surely our fathers have inherited lies**, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit... Therefore, behold, **I will this once cause them to know**, I will cause them to know my hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is THE LORD.’⁽¹⁾

“He hasn’t done this yet, and He says clearly ‘this once’ He will do it. We believe that the things He has revealed through this work and others in the field of biblical archaeology will be a big part of this event. There are 5 plus billion people on this planet, and for the first time in history, a large number of those people can be reached through television satellites and mass communications. We have instant translation capabilities, as well. Technology is such that, when it is God’s time, He can get this information throughout the entire world. We truly expect this to happen soon.”

“So we’re approaching SHOWDOWN TIME, Ron.”

IT’S DEATH AND LOVE

“Look, Jonathan, this is more important than the Olympics, more vital than the economy. It’s about the biggest issues - DEATH, LIFE and LOVE.

“We’ve all broken God’s law. We’re all in the death cell. No way out. But what love! God’s Son came down to take human form and accept the death penalty for each of us. That’s history – not fantasy – and it’s the pivotal event of history.

“And when He returns, it’s to be in dazzling splendour as King of kings, to end the 6,000 year rebellion and claim the earth.”

“But everyone won’t be saved,” I heard myself saying.

“No, because He won’t force anyone,” said Ron, sadly. “To have a personal relationship with Him is one’s choice. It has to be that way, so rebellion and suffering will never arise again.”

“HE CALLS THE HUMBLE”

“Why do you think He chose you to make these archaeological discoveries?” I asked.

“I can only give my opinion on that,” said the big American. “If ten different people found ten different major archaeological finds, people could say, ‘Well, they were lucky, or smart’. But for one person to find all of these things is not a human possibility. Not even the most brilliant and celebrated. But God uses ‘the simple things to confound the wise’. In choosing a simple, average person, He leaves no room for doubt as to ‘who’ is actually doing these things. Perhaps He chose me because I was willing - I really don’t know. But I can say that there is no one on earth who could be more grateful than I am to be allowed to work with these things.”

The more I conversed with Ron Wyatt, the stronger grew the impression that here was a humble person. A man who could be trusted. One obsessed with honesty in all his affairs. I sensed that he had spent many deep hours led by God’s Spirit in study and prayer.

A PHENOMENON

And he was bringing to light more than any other person in archaeological history. An amateur!

In these multiple discoveries - any one of which was of earth-shattering significance - **we were witnessing nothing short of a PHENOMENON**. I was forced to agree with Greg Brewer, noted prophecy lecturer and writer, that Ron’s work was a gift of God’s mercy to this last doubting generation.

No wonder there were so many who wanted to silence him!

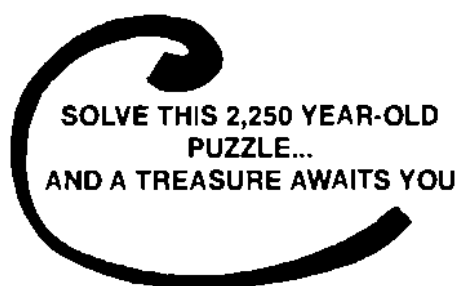
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This whole Ark drama was packed with surprises. And the next discovery would be mind-blowing. Just hang in there... I’ll tell you about it.

1 Jer.16:19-21

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A CRYPTIC - TEASER

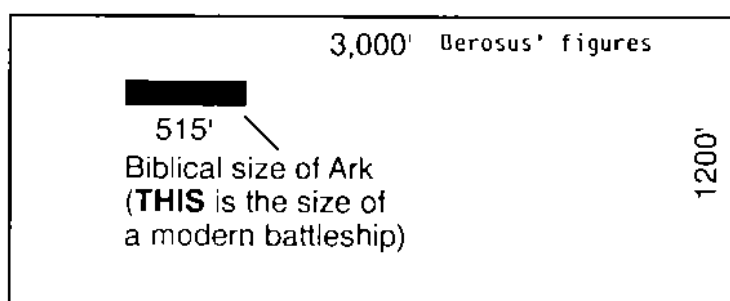


"He wouldn't say that!" exclaimed David. "It makes no sense... not a cracker of sense."

David Fasold was poring over the mysterious phraseology of a Chaldean priest named Berosus, who, about 275 B.C., wrote concerning the "Magur", or god boat of the Deluge. Put simply, this said:

THE ARK WAS
FIVE STADES IN LENGTH
BY TWO STADES IN BREADTH

If the Greek stadia (about 600 feet) was meant, then the Ark would be 3000 feet long and 1200 feet wide. Quite unacceptable!



**Berosus:
A SHIP
80 TIMES
TOO BIG**

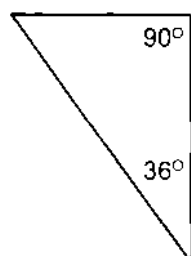
*COMPARISON: BIBLICAL SIZE versus BEROSUS' ALLEGED "SIZE"
OF THE ARK — Deck area is 80 times too large*

Modern scholars shake their heads. Poor Berosus! Perhaps it was a touch of the Mesopotamian sun.

But something about this “wild exaggeration” disturbed Fasold. He wondered, Why on earth should an otherwise learned man, writing with the ancient knowledge at his disposal, suddenly slip into such nonsensical twaddle? Surely Berosus himself could hardly have believed the Ark to be **that** big!

Of course, Berosus’ works had been retranslated a number of times before reaching us. Could it be that the original works of Berosus used a Chaldean symbol that had been erroneously translated “stadia”?

Egyptian surveyors used a right-angle triangle, one corner of which was 36 degrees. This was called a “**mr**”⁽¹⁾ Could a similar geometric figure have been used in Berosus’ original work?



NOT DIMENSIONS, BUT LOCATION?

Could Berosus be giving a **geographical location** for the Ark, rather than the Ark’s exaggerated dimensions?

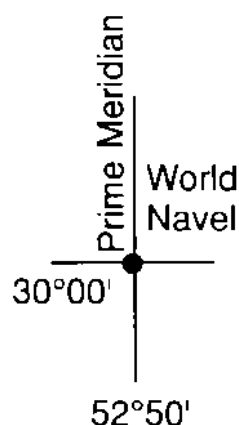
The Chaldeans (directly descended, according to Josephus,⁽²⁾ from Arphaxad, born two years after the Flood) would surely have held sacred the knowledge of the exact location of the Ark.

Berosus was, after all, giving the Babylonian or **Chaldean** perspective on world history. And Fasold noted at least one Babylonian word preserved in the translation.

THE PRIME MERIDIAN

Now, about geographical locations. Every spot on earth is measured from the prime meridian - an imaginary dividing line that runs from north to south.

Today's prime meridian of longitude, as we all know, runs through Greenwich in England. But in Berossus' day the Chaldeans would still consider the world divided by **their** prime meridian, even though they had been conquered by Alexander. Their meridian ran through Persia. The "world navel" was marked by Darius' tomb just west of Persepolis. On the same latitude as the Cheops pyramid of Egypt, this geodetic centre of the world would be 30°00' N and 52°50' E, on today's maps.



A RATIO?

What was Berossus REALLY saying? It was just a faint whim, mind you, but could it be, from Berossus' understanding, that "5 by 2" was a RATIO, pivoting on this world navel, to give the **location** of the Ark?

I am indebted to Fasold for taking me thus far. His investigation was brilliant. But from here on it became hazy and he lost me. I'd have to figure out the solution my own way... if at all.

For now, it went into the "too hard" file.

Yet, in the succeeding months, this riddle just would not die. I found myself flirting with it - and time and again pushing it aside. On at least one occasion, a solution stared me in the face, only to slip away again. Then one morning, after eighteen months of this, all fell into place. It was August 8, 1992. What happened was simply staggering.

THE CLUES

I wrote down the ancient riddle and crossed out the word "stades."

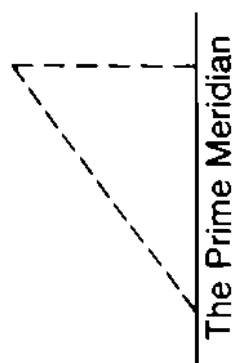
~~THE ARK WAS FIVE STADES~~
IN LENGTH AND TWO Ratios (or proportions)?
IN BREADTH

In ancient Egypt, a **right-angle triangle** was used in surveying. Suppose we were to do likewise, I wondered. What if we were to plot a triangulation,

with the base of the triangle along the prime meridian?

Out came a map of the Middle East.

Somewhere along this meridian, one would draw a line out at 90 degrees. This 90 degrees would form the right angle of a triangle extending west from the meridian. In a right-angle triangle, 90 degrees is the largest angle possible. Suppose this 90 degrees were to represent Berosus' major ratio (the "5").

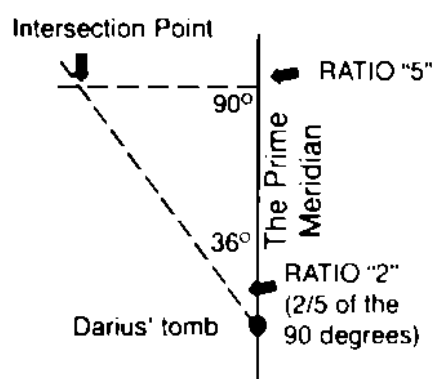


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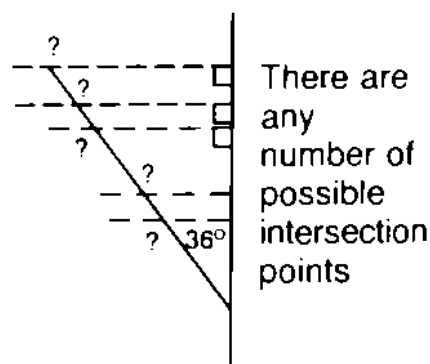
IF 5, THEN 2

The other value he gave ("2") would be the smaller angle of that triangle. It would be just two fifths of the "5" ratio (the 90 degrees). Two fifths of 90 is 36. The "2", then, would represent 36 degrees.

So, from the world navel at Persepolis, let's draw a second line at an angle of 36 degrees. If we interpret Berosus right, would this intersect at the Ark's latitude?



No, not quite! There was a problem: Just where should one draw that first line? At what latitude should one go 90 degrees west? There are any number of possible intersection points. (And what a long walk that would entail, to find out!)



A precise point of intersection was needed. (But, remember, we're still only speculating.)

THE MISSING CLUE

In Berossus' puzzle there had to be a third factor - that which determined the intersection point. And this was what kept eluding me.

Again I stared at Berossus' statement:

**THE ARK WAS FIVE
STADES IN LENGTH**

Suddenly, it clicked! "That's it!" I shouted, not caring if anyone heard. I had been focusing so much on the "stades" anomaly that I'd thrown out the whole phrase - "stades in length." But really only that one word was wrong, the word "stades." **"IN LENGTH" was the missing clue.**

Remember, the first line we drew (at a 90 degree angle from the prime meridian) was represented by the "5" factor.

But, according to Berossus, **this "5" factor is also THE ARK'S LENGTH!** That was the missing clue.

Now my excitement was really welling up. This was turning into a **GRAND ADVENTURE.**

THE ARK'S LENGTH ON A MAP

Follow this carefully. The Bible says the Ark was 300 cubits long. Convert the cubit length of the Ark to geodetic feet - 515.

Now transpose this on to a world map - and the 515 becomes minutes of an arc. And how do we express 515 minutes, on a map? In degrees and minutes, of course. And since there are 60 minutes to a degree, we must divide the 515 by 60. The result is 8°35' (8 degrees 35 minutes).

But did the ancients measure this way? you ask. Yes, they divided the circle of the earth into 360 degrees, just as we do. Our system came from theirs.

Now notice:

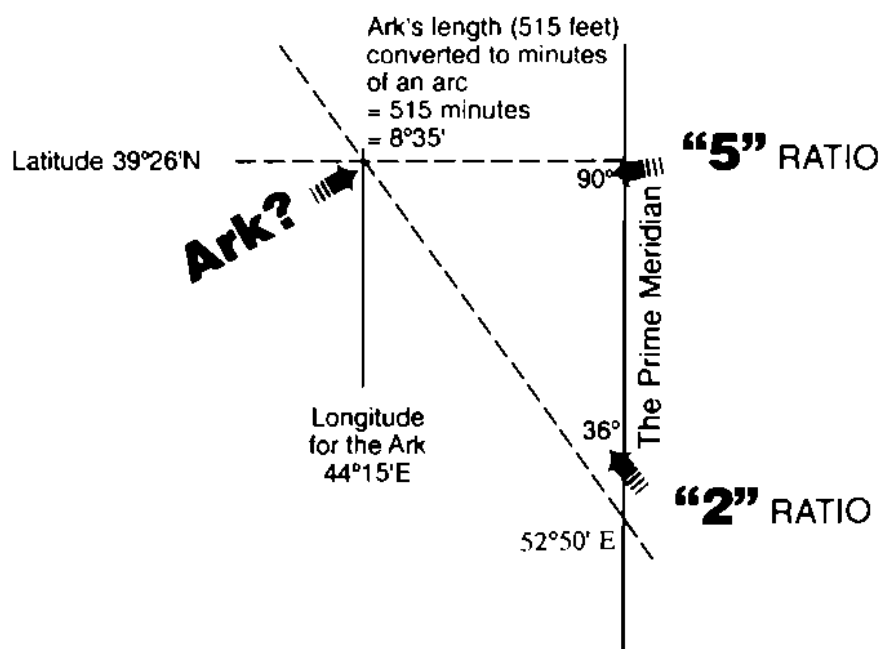
From the prime meridian at Persepolis (situated at $52^{\circ}50'$ E), subtract the $8^{\circ}35'$ - and you should get the present-day longitude for the remains of the Ark.

$52^{\circ}50'$ E minus $8^{\circ}35'$ equals $44^{\circ}15'$ E

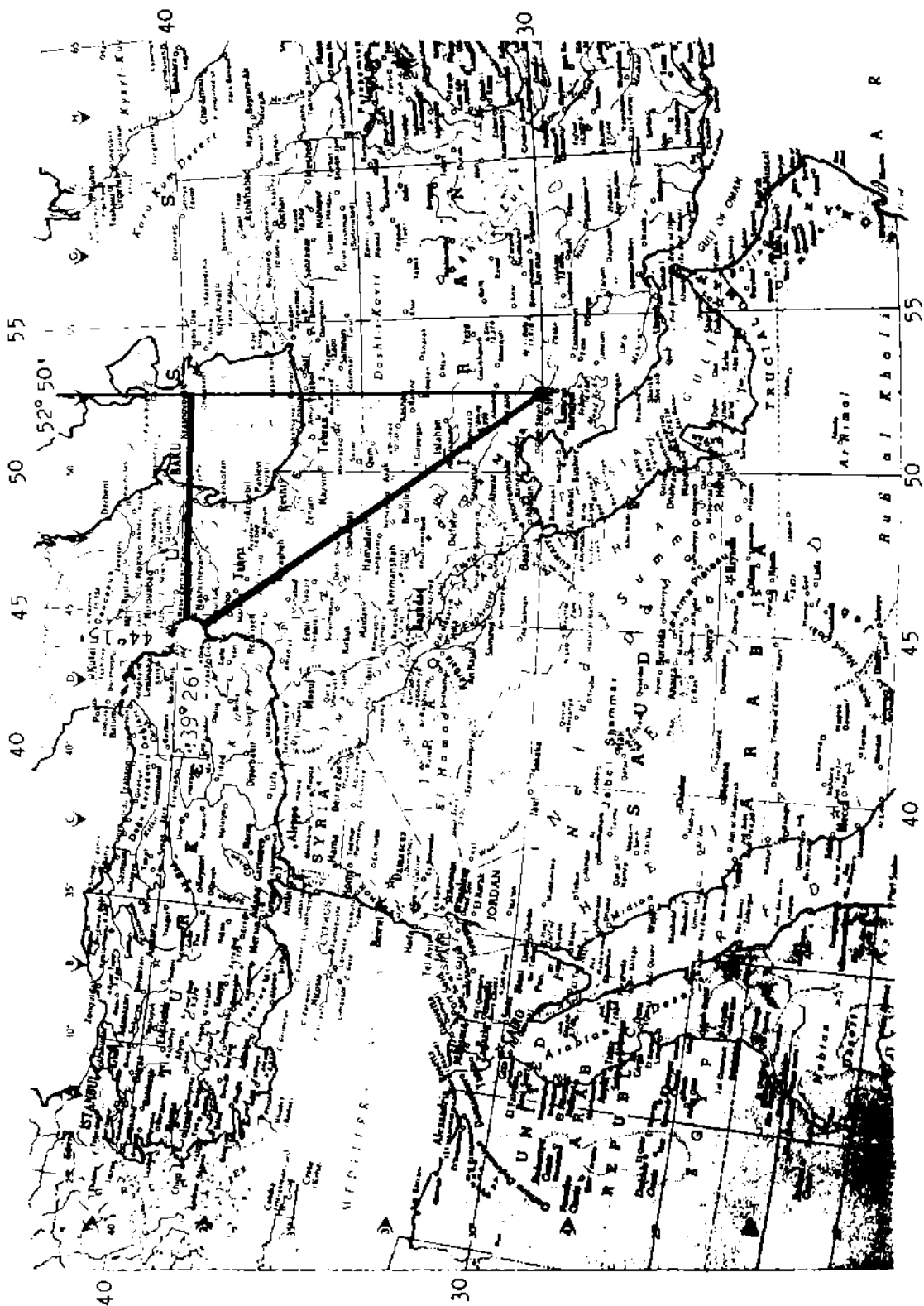
THE ARK'S LENGTH IS THE CLUE TO ITS LOCATION, you see!

Such a clever cryptic message one might expect from one like Berossus who represents himself as steeped in the mysteries of the Chaldeans and a guardian of ancient secrets.

According to Berossus' figures, the Ark would be 515 minutes of the sun's arc west of the Persepolis line (that is, it would be at $44^{\circ}15'$ E). And it would be intersected by a line of 36 degrees from the geodetic navel at Persepolis. The point of intersection takes us to $39^{\circ}26'$ N latitude.



I must concede that, so far, this whole exercise remains just a wild speculation. Never mind, let's see where it leads us.



DOES THIS SOLVE THE PUZZLE, OR NOT?

You work it out yourself. Open a world map, or better still, one of the Middle East.

Notice the vertical lines of longitude and the horizontal lines of latitude?

Now take a pencil and mark where you think Longitude $44^{\circ}15'$ E and Latitude $39^{\circ}26'$ should run.

Tell me, where do they **intersect**? That's right, in Turkey! More specifically, in that little pocket of Turkey that converges with Armenia and Iran. Notice, it is just south of Mount Ararat.

Go on, get out your map and do it! Then see how you feel!

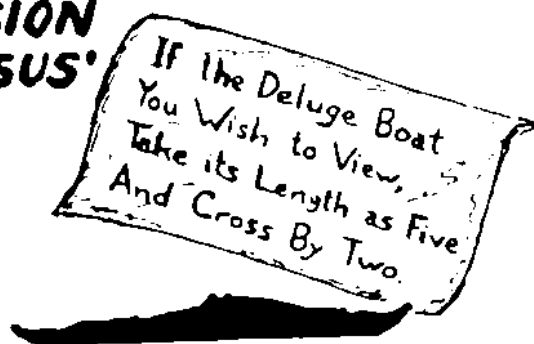
... It was these "lines of Berosus" that gave David Fasold the feeling that the Ark would not be found on Mount Ararat, but in the foothills to the south. He mentioned this to James Irwin.

"Why don't you talk it over with Wyatt," said Irwin. "That's where he's looking."

... In the mountains south east of Dogubayazit, I found myself standing on a rise overlooking a dried mud flow. Silhouetted against it was the boat-shape. **THIS BOAT-SHAPE AND THE LINE OF BEROSUS WERE LITERALLY SIDE BY SIDE.**

MY VERSION OF BEROSUS' CRYPTIC PUZZLE:

Incredibly,
it gets you
there!



Even if the Ark was no longer here, this was the place, I believed, where Berosus said it should be found.

Of course, one may not believe that this is what Berosus was saying. Yet, if you take this to be the meaning - and TEST IT - it gets you to that boat-shaped object... PRECISELY!

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- 1 Peter Tompkins, *Secrets of the Great Pyramid*. London: Harper & Row, 1971, Appendix. Notes on the relation of ancient measures to the Great Pyramid by Livio Stecchini.
 - 2 Josephus, ch. vi : 4

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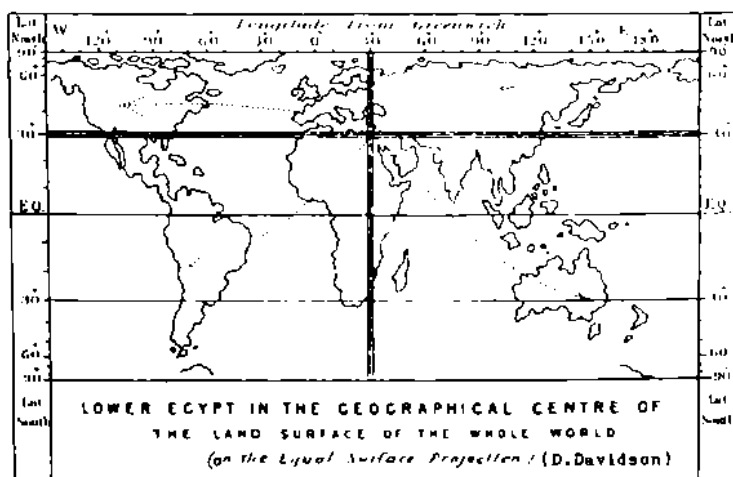
SOMETHING UNCANNY

If you liked that bit about the Fibonacci number sequence, you'll enjoy this. But first, a little back-tracking.

AT THE GEOGRAPHICAL CENTRE

Egypt's Great Pyramid (the Cheops one) was practically the first built.¹¹ It stands at $30^{\circ}00' \text{ N}$ and $31^{\circ}14' \text{ E}$. If you divide the earth into four sections centred on the Great Pyramid, you will find in each section an equal land area. This location is therefore the proper central meridian of the whole world. It seems that the builders were well aware of the exact amount of land on the surface of the earth, as well as the geographical distribution.

The Persians moved their centre of the world to Persia. They retained the same latitude as the Cheops pyramid ($30^{\circ}00' \text{ N}$) but their prime meridian (their "Greenwich" line) crossed it at $52^{\circ}50' \text{ E}$. Darius' tomb was built on this intersection.



AN "ARK'S DISTANCE" AWAY

Now consider this...

- **How long** was the Ark? - Answer: 300 cubits, or **515 feet**.
- **How high** was the Ark? - 30 cubits, or **51 feet**.
- What was the **combined** length and height of the Ark? - 515 plus 51 equals **566**.

Note that. We'll come back to it.

Now look at the diagram (next page). The location of the Ark is at $44^{\circ}15'$ E. The Persian prime meridian is at $52^{\circ}50'$ E. The difference between the two is $8^{\circ}35'$. Right?

The Persian prime meridian was drawn exactly **515** minutes (that is 8 degrees 35 minutes) east of the Ark. Do you get it? The Persians located their prime meridian precisely an "ark's length" east of the Ark.

Again look at the diagram. The latitude of the Ark is $39^{\circ}26'$ N. The latitude of Darius' tomb is $30^{\circ}00'$ N. The difference is 9 degrees 26 minutes. Convert this to minutes of an arc (60 minutes to a degree). What do you get? **566** - the combined length and height of the Ark.

Thus Darius' tomb (on the Persian world navel) is precisely an "ark's length and height" south of the Ark; and the Persian prime meridian is precisely an "Ark's length" east of the Ark.

Does this mean something? Or is it accidental?

Think about it. What we have here is the Great Pyramid in the precise centre of the earth's land mass. And it's ALSO precisely an "ark's length and height" south of the latitude of the boat-shape in Turkey. We also have the Persian world navel a precise "ark's length and height south of the latitude of the boat-shape, and an "ark's length" east of its longitude. Tell me if that's just a coincidence.

THE GOLDEN NUMBER SEQUENCE

But there's more.

Remember that numbered sequence discovered by Fibonacci, which we find throughout nature?

THE GOLDEN NUMBER SEQUENCE

1	1	2	3	5	8	13	21	34	55	89	144
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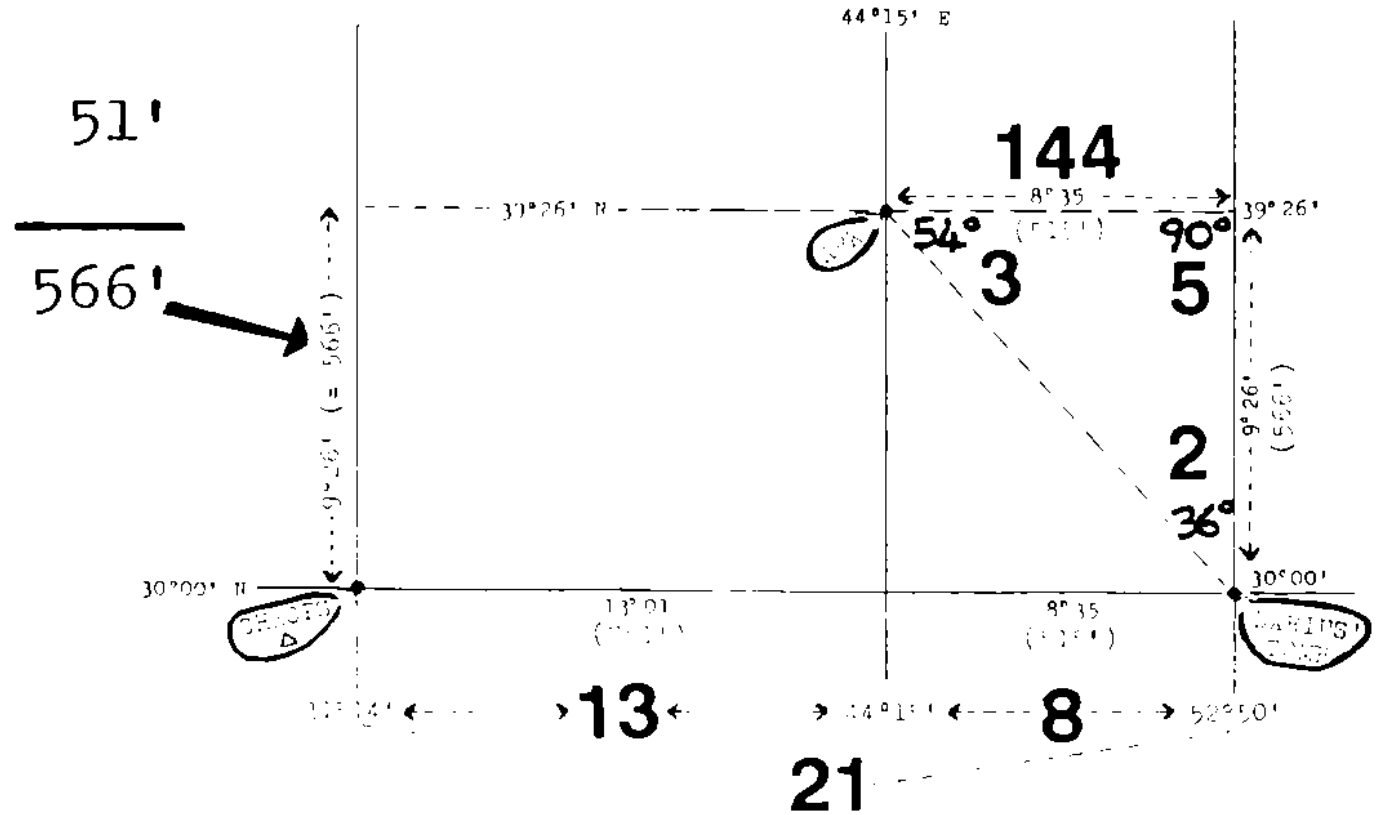
ARK'S
LENGTH:

300 = 515'
cubits

HEIGHT:

30 = 51'
cubits

140



Look again at the diagram. Notice the triangle which links the boat-shape with Darius' tomb. This particular triangle, we shall see, is the most "perfect" triangle possible. I'll explain. Every triangle totals 180 degrees. In this triangle the angles are $36^{\circ} + 54^{\circ} + 90^{\circ}$, which are in the ratio to each other of **2 - 3 - 5**. That is the Fibonacci sequence. (You can refer to that sequence of numbers at the top of the diagram.)

You will also notice that from the longitude of Darius' tomb to that of the boat-shape is of the order of **8** degrees of an arc. And from the longitude of the boat-shape to that of the Great Pyramid is **13** degrees. Add those last two distances together, and you have the next number of the Fibonacci sequence - **21**.

There you have it: the Fibonacci sequence:

2 - 3 - 5 - 8 - 13 - 21

We could go on. Now add the two upper angles of the triangle - 54 degrees and 90 degrees. Result? **144**, the twelfth number in the Fibonacci series.

TWO FASCINATING QUESTIONS

Finally, consider these two questions:

1. When the Great Pyramid was built an "ark's measurement" in latitude from the boat-shape, that ALSO turned out to be the precise centre of the earth's land mass! Let's put it another way. From the central meridian of the whole world (the Great Pyramid location) you measure a precise "ark's measurement" and find yourself on a line intersecting that boat-shape! How did this come about?

The same thing happens from **two** directions if you start out at Darius' tomb.

Did those early builders deliberately measure from this boat-shape? **WHO THEN ARRANGED THE EARTH'S LAND MASS TO MATCH UP TO IT?**

2. On a map, when the coordinates from the boat-shape to Darius' tomb and to the Great Pyramid are examined, they compose themselves into a pattern found in nature and in ancient buildings - a pattern we call the Fibonacci sequence of numbers. Three items had to be coordinated to achieve

this: the boat-shaped object, the Great Pyramid and Darius' tomb. Was this relationship deliberate or accidental? I ask you.

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- 1 Joseph A. Seiss, *The Great Pyramid: A Miracle in Stone*. New York: Harper and Row, 1973, pp.38-41

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PEERING INTO THE DARK

To discover the truth can be so liberating. The love of truth casts out all fear. I was no longer afraid to be heard on this.

Some of us had uncovered a trail of lies. Despite the danger to ourselves, we decided it was time to go public.

In February, 1993, I launched from Adelaide the first issue of my quarterly *Update Newsletter*. It contained news of the “deck timber” laminated sample. Within days, someone was faxing it furiously around Sydney.

But it wasn't just the skeptics at home. By now the terrorist situation was hotting up.

In the valley below the Ark, Ron overheard a renegade village chief, by the name of Mehmet, graciously plotting a little surprise.

“...take him into the hills ... get rid of him...”

Fortunately, Ron knew enough Turkish to get the gist of the conversation and quickly decided he was needed somewhere else.

TO LOOK INSIDE

In the early morning of October 8, 1992, before any Kurdish guerillas were awake to the fact, Ron had made a lightning dash to the Ark site. His purpose was to thrust a boroscope through the rubble and penetrate to a

chamber at the south end of the structure, so as to peer inside.

He inserted the small light on the end of an optic fibre. As it went down, the sides of the drilled hole showed up wonderfully all the way down. Then it entered the vast chamber.

Now, all was dark. The light made no impression. It was too weak to illuminate this vast hollow space.

The months slipped by. Eventually the solution appeared to be at hand. On June 16, 1993, as I discussed the matter with him, Ron already had some improved equipment in front of him in his little office. It would enable him to drill small, non destructive holes into the chambers of the structure and film inside.

“Hope we can go back soon,” sighed Ron.

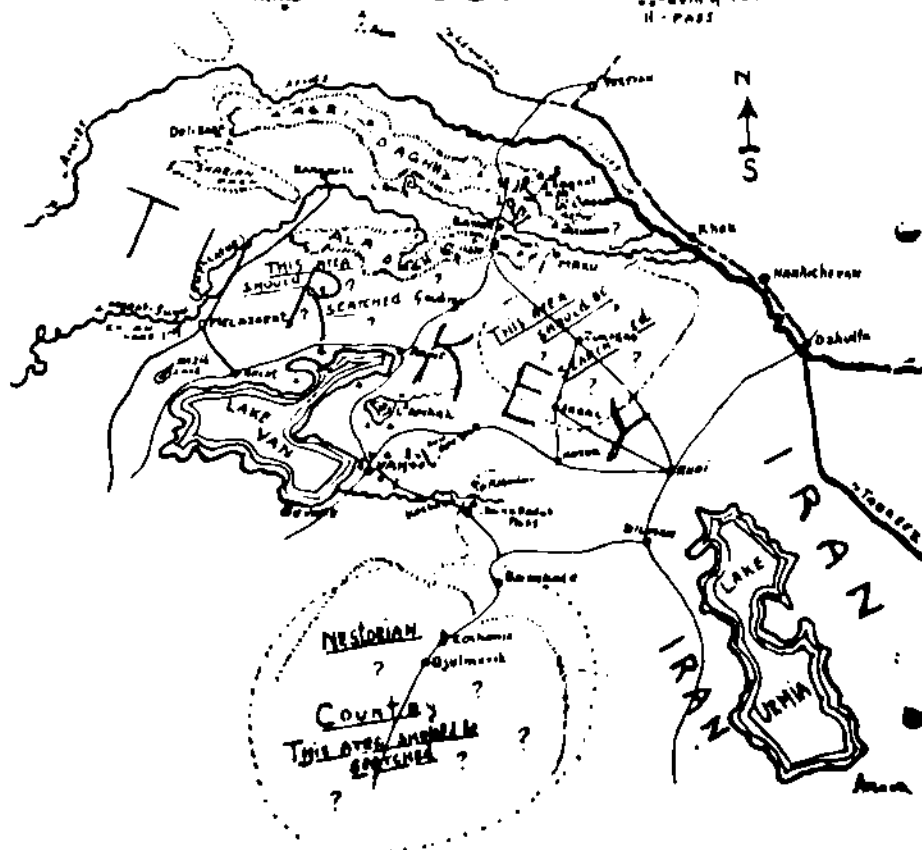
“Yes,” was my response. “I can hardly wait to peer in.”

(UNEXPLORED)
THE MT. ARARAT AREA
ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES.

By Col. Alexander A. Koor

RUSSIA

A - Unexplored site
B - Monastery (Armenian)
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D - Pass



Colonel Alexander A. Koor's map of the Ararat area,
together with his comments

In 1915, Colonel Alexander A. Koor, of the White Russian army, stumbled upon some ancient inscriptions in this region, which indicated that the Ararat area, in eastern Turkey, was the stepping-stone between the old world and the new.

Koor drew several maps of the region. On them he circled various locations with the words:

**"THIS AREA
SHOULD BE
SEARCHED"**

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MESSAGE FROM THE GIANTS

Leaving the cooler mountains behind, the three men began their descent to the "Valley of Eight". The area was convulsed, broken and rock-strewn. Their path led through a sere land, eroded and brown.

This day it was an oven. Their throats were parched. The sweat trickled down their faces. After two hours of scraping over boulders, stumbling into deep gullies and up almost vertical rises, they came upon a gentle bowl depression in which nestled a Kurdish village. This was Kazan, "the Place of Eight."

THE VALLEY OF EIGHT

The presumed Ark rested twelve miles further up the valley, on what was known locally as "JUDGMENT SLOPE". This VALLEY OF EIGHT must surely have been the area over which the Ark had once drifted. Anchor stones lay around this village, THE PLACE OF EIGHT.

They began exploring. Across the road from the village were some very old, deserted relics. To say the men were in for a surprise would be an under-statement.

"Hey, Dad, just look at this!" shouted Danny. The other two came running. Danny was rubbing an old, weathered marker. There was lichen or something over it. But under the crust, there were clear incisions.

"There's another here," exclaimed Ronny. "These must be grave markers."

Ron had his camera running. And the inscriptions were unmistakable.

MRS NOAH'S GRAVE

This they had never expected. Yet here it was in front of them. They didn't expect to be so favoured. But it was happening! One discovery after another. This sequence of discoveries was so breathtakingly rapid, Ron's mind was whirling. He had to mentally pinch himself. Could all this be real?

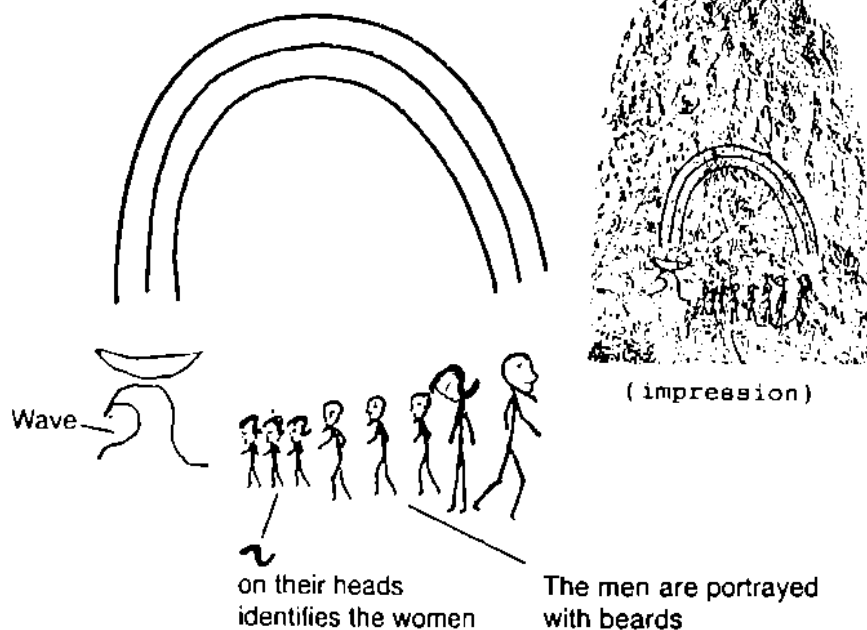
Yes, the iconographs identified the graves. If the inscription meant anything, then what they had stumbled upon was - dared they say it? - probably the first post-Flood grave marker on this planet, that of Noah's wife. And nearby, that of Noah himself!

The two grave markers bore the eight-cross symbols of Noah and his family above an ancient, petroglyphic portrayal of Noah's death on one marker and that of his wife on the other. These grave markers were in the front of a very ancient stone house.

I later saw the video footage of the discovery and Mary Nell drew me a sketch of the petroglyph on what was almost certainly the grave of Noah's wife.

GRAVESTONE PORTRAYAL

Hastily
sketched
from
memory
for me
by
Mary Nell
Wyatt.
There is
video
documentation
of the
inscriptions.



Below the rainbow (associated with the Flood account), on the left was the crest of a wave, and atop the wave a boat. To the right of this were eight stick characters. It was clear who they were. Two larger figures (male and female), accompanied by three smaller men (their sons) and behind them three women (their sons' wives). According to Genesis, the eight human survivors of the Great Flood were Noah and his wife, their three sons Shem, Ham and Japheth, and their sons' wives.⁽¹⁾

The inscription showed the woman with her head bowed and her eyes closed. And the other seven were walking away from her. Mrs Noah had died. She must have been the first of them to go.

NOAH'S GRAVE

The other grave marker depicted the man as well as his wife, with head now bowed, eyes now closed in death - and the other six persons walking away.

Yes, if the iconograph meant anything, this was Noah's grave.

NOAH'S HOUSE

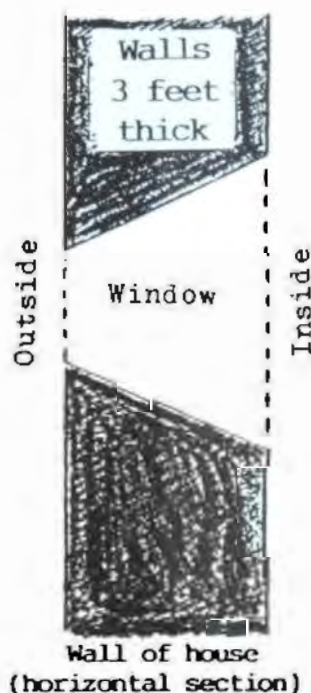
These black tombstones were close to the house. And around the house were animal pens. And close by, an altar.

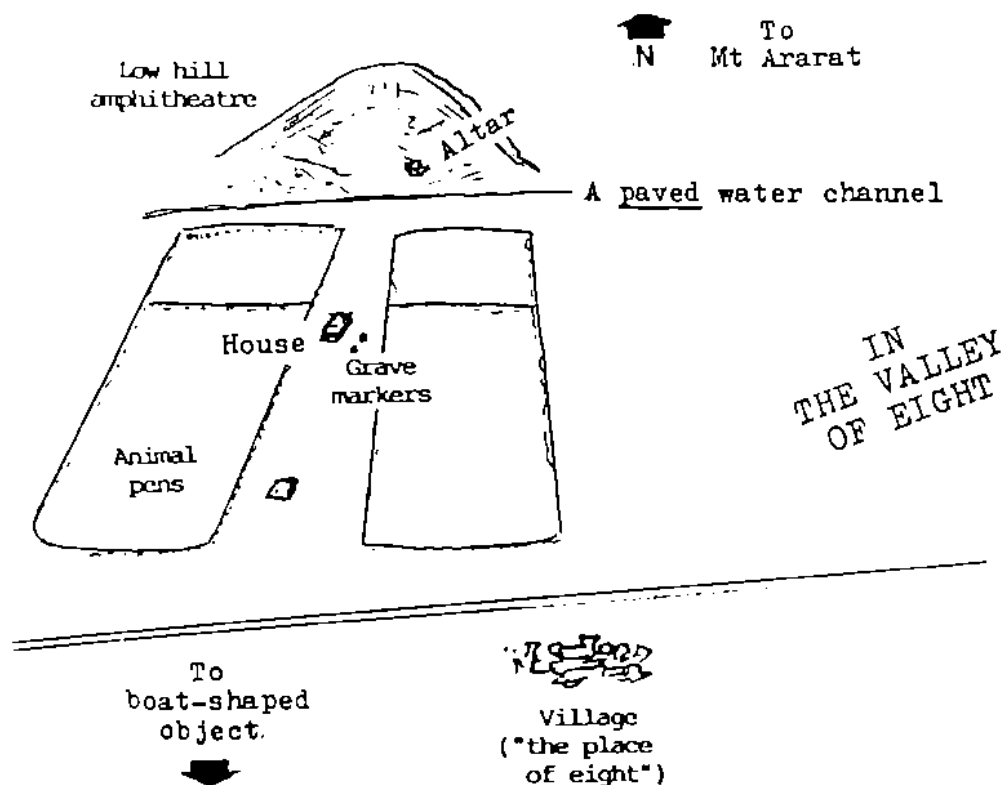
Mary Nell was there now. She noticed the stone house itself was partially buried in silt; at least four feet deep, she decided.

The walls were three feet thick. The window apertures were narrower on the outside and widened toward the interior.

One wall (fortunately, recorded on video-tape) was inscribed with the whole account of the Flood. Sadly, local Kurds have since taken away the stones to build into their houses. And after this wall had survived intact for 4,000 years!

Was this Noah's house?

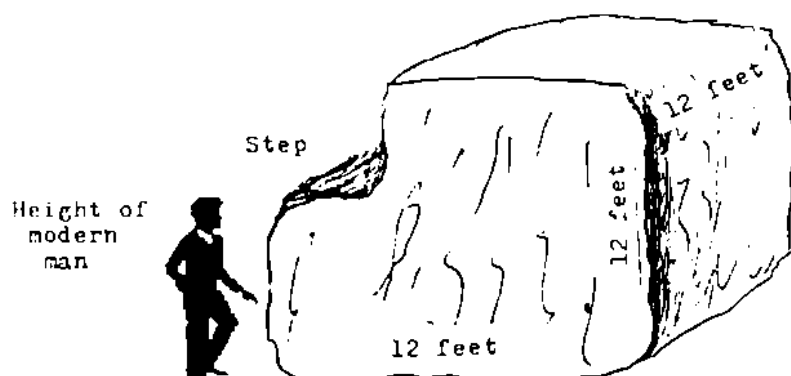




ALTAR OF A GIANT

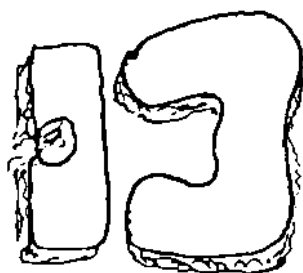
Northward from the house, beyond the cattle pens, rose a low hill, whose facing side was shaped into a natural amphitheatre. Mary Nell strolled up into the eastern side of the sound bowl, where stood an ancient altar. She spoke without shouting, but way out from the hill I could hear her clearly.

Here was plenty of room for appointed gatherings, when the patriarch could have addressed his descendants and offered the sacrifice.



A lot of moss covers the altar. Small trees grow on it now. The altar itself is massive: 12 feet wide by 12 feet deep by 12 feet high. In harmony with divine instruction,⁽¹⁾ the altar is unhewn. At the rear is a giant step, just one big step, halfway up. Too big for any of us to use simply by lifting the foot. And one is tempted to ask, Just how tall was Noah? From the top of the altar has been chipped a channel. It runs down the front.

Nearby stands another rock where the animal was killed. This white stone is shaped like a blow-up head cushion. The animal's head was placed on it. There were channels cut for blood to drain away. You can see the chisel marks. Fungus now grows over the channels.



THE DISAPPEARANCE

The graveyard mentioned earlier is in the front yard of the house. Since it was video-taped in 1977, the local Kurds have broken up and taken away the grave markers. Fortunately, the video evidence survives. As already stated, the house also has been vandalised. Unfortunate.

... Let me ask, could **you** keep such a discovery secret? Ron was exploding. He wanted to shout it to the world!

"That's incredible," gasped - - - "Simply incredible!" The man was an Ark-search colleague. "Ron, I must see this!"

Trembling with excitement, Ron drove the man out to Kazan. You might call Ron naive. He trusted that his friend would feel the same awe that had moved him. A reverence, if you like.

... Mehmet, the village mayor, looked both ways down the street, then yanked the visitor inside. The pact was sealed with a drink and the visitor crept out into the darkness and sped off with no lights

Within hours, the two graves were dug up.

... "Mr Wyatt, we want to find out if you have any knowledge of who could have done such a thing." The Turkish authorities were most concerned. They informed him that over 100 million U.S. dollars worth of gold and gemstones had been stolen from the graves. One piece of jewellery had sold on the black-market in Istanbul for \$75 million dollars! Of course, it had to be quite an incredible piece, and the description of this one item was more than a person could comprehend.

Even as I write, Turkish authorities are seeking to recover these precious artefacts. They are aware of the identity of the man most likely to have committed this outrage. He dropped from the Ark search and from the public eye shortly after the theft from the two graves.

GIANTS

Noah's wife's grave was measured at over twenty feet in length. A twelve foot height for the occupant would not be an unreasonable assumption.

In the same valley, Ron found a thumb bone, whose owner had been a giant. Upon examination of the specimen, I estimated that its owner must have stood twelve feet tall.

My mind drifted back to my time on the remote Pacific island of Rotuma. When a road was first built around the island, the labourers uncovered an old cemetery containing bones of such large size that they could only have belonged to bodies at least twelve feet tall. The graves of the giants are still shown on the island.

The fossils preserve evidence of a pre-Flood world of giant trees, plants and animals. A vapour canopy around the planet not only facilitated a gentle, terrarium like climate from pole to pole, but blocked out harmful cosmic rays. During the Flood, this canopy collapsed. Turbulent waters washed through the soil, redepositing highly nutritional elements into the seas. The post-Flood world was a wreck. It had lost the protective canopy, the soil was impoverished, the climate harsh and more stressful. Rapid deterioration of life set in. But the original era of longevity and giants survived in our racial memory in the form of historical traditions, as well as in the Bible.



INSCRIPTIONS IDENTIFY THE ARK

We now travel back to 1977. In the mountains behind the boat-shaped structure, Ron, his two sons and another man, ascend to a ridge on the Turkish-Iranian border. This is wild country, inhabited by dangerous men, so they cannot stay here long.

The fourth man points out to them a column. It will later be identified as a Hurite column of the third millennium B.C. It is intact.



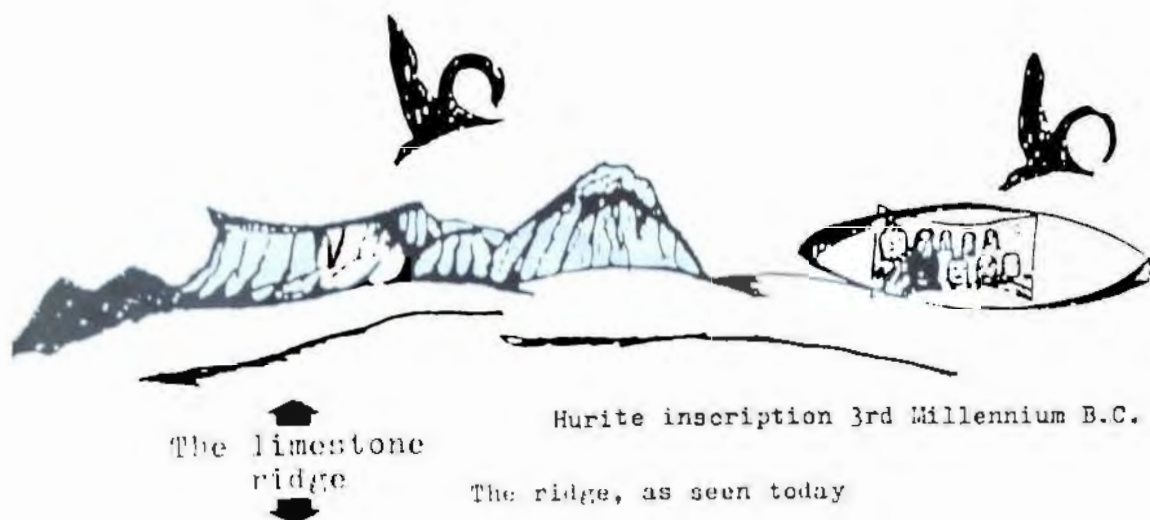
*(Photo:
R. Wyatt)*

This column bears a picture. It shows the limestone ridge which appears in today's photographs of the boat-shaped object. It also shows what looks like a volcanic peak to the right of that limestone ridge. (Today, this peak is not evident on the horizon, but when you climb up to this ridge where the column lies, the peak can be seen to the south.)

They stare, hardly able to believe their eyes. The inscription portrays a **boat-shaped** object, as seen from a high hill above the site. And on it are **eight faces** within the boat-shape.

More vandalism. The column has since been broken into pieces and used as boundary markers. Despite this, all pieces appear to be present. Photographs of the broken pieces with the inscription on them are currently in Ron Wyatt's possession.

What a crying pity that such important relics can survive for millennia and now, at this time, be so ruthlessly vandalised! It is well that they survived until they could be documented photographically.



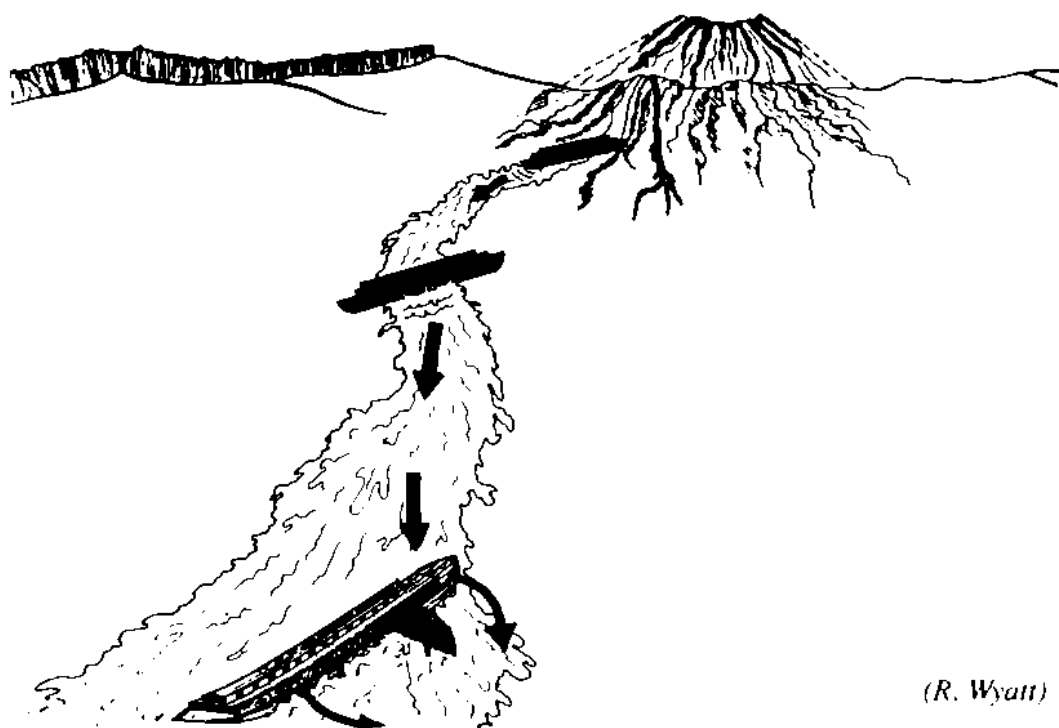
(Photo: R. Wyatt)

ARK "DESCENDED IN MUD FLOW"

Ron pointed to the area around the boat-shaped object. "See," he said, "the flow lines in the terrain under the object indicate its descent from a higher level. I think the mud flow originated from the volcano. Volcanoes are a source of mud flows, you know."

"You think the Ark landed in a valley higher up?" I asked.

"That's right. It appears this volcanic peak depicted in the inscription erupted, covered the boat-shape, carried it down the valley two or three miles (three or four kilometres) or a thousand feet altitude, but then it was stopped by a large rock, a limestone outcropping which is part of the bedrock.



"The boat-shape was carried down the valley sideways. When it hit the outcropping, it was impaled and 'racked'. The break in its side is there to see. And metal detectors show the lines are wracked and compressed where the rock broke into it. The rock held it in this location and it swung around with the flowing lava.

"In time, the lava completely deteriorated (which lava does over time), leaving the distinct mudflow. However, the boat-shaped structure was held in place.

"The intense water flow, under the hardened lava, precipitated the petrification and fossilization of the structure encapsulated within the boat-shape."

If Ron was correct, here was the **TOMB OF THE ARK**. That very oldest of inscriptions - the Hurite one at the top of the ridge - suggested that this was indeed the **BURIED SHIP!**

IN SEARCH OF A RAINBOW

Ron took his wife up there to see the inscription. They looked down over the valley where the "Ark" lay below impaled on the rock.

There it was, **pierced in the side**, and **rejected** even by many who sought for it.

Mary Nell was deep in thought. She saw the parallel. **Only** in Noah's Ark could the antediluvian world find any hope of survival. Most of them rejected it. And when Jesus told this planet that He had come to rescue mankind - that He was the **only** means of eternal life - He, too was rejected by most of mankind. **PIERCED IN THE SIDE, AND REJECTED BY THOSE WHO SOUGHT LIFE.**

Together Ron and Mary Nell looked to the north-west; on this very ridge, perhaps they were now standing where Noah and his loved ones stood when they saw the rainbow of divine promise arching over the valley below. A good friend, Nathan Meyer, stood with them.

"Nathan," why don't you ask the Lord if He will give us a rainbow?"

Nathan put in his request. He knew their Lord to be a loving Creator who cared about each of them personally.

It began to rain. And - you guessed it - the rainbow appeared over the Ararat mountains. But not just your every day rainbow. **THIS** was a flashy **DOUBLE** rainbow!

1. Ex. 20: 5

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OMEN

THE SEARCH FOR NOAH'S ARK IS AN ADVENTURE THAT HAS NO EQUAL IN TODAY'S WORLD.

DISCOVERY NOT NEEDED

We really don't need the Ark to be discovered. There **IS** so much credible evidence for creation, as well as for a global Deluge.

If I were at present a skeptic, I would now have to look at my doubts, and why I hold them.

The problem is not intellectual; it's spiritual. Most of us don't like to consider God in our thinking. We want to do things our own way.

I came across this ancient prophecy concerning the present time. Quite interesting:

First, I want to remind you that in the last days there will come scoffers who will do every wrong they can think of, and laugh at the truth.

This will be their line of argument: "So Jesus promised to come back, did He? Then where is He? He'll never come! Why, as far back as anyone can remember everything has remained exactly as it was since the first day of creation."

They deliberately forget this fact: that God did destroy the world with a mighty flood, long after He had made the heavens by the word of His command, and had used the waters to form the earth and surround it.

And God has commanded that the earth and the heavens be stored away for a great bonfire at the judgment day, when all ungodly men will perish. ⁽¹⁾

Doesn't that sound familiar? It's talking about the modern theory that known physical laws have continued without variation, without interruption. The prophecy says that this theory will arise in "the last days" before the Second Coming.

The modern skeptic unwittingly fulfils this prophecy. Ignoring evidence, he "shouts down" the Great Flood and Noah's Ark.

I say to my skeptic friends, "You should keep quiet. Then the prophecy would fail. But you're making it come true."

WHAT AN AUTHENTICATED ARK DISCOVERY WOULD DO

The confirmed discovery of the Ark would be the greatest archaeological event of all time, more newsworthy than the walk on the moon. It would have worldwide repercussions.

The authenticated discovery of a massive ship thousands of feet up on the mountains would shout loudly that a global Flood did occur. And if so, then the "evidence" from the fossils found in layers of the earth would need to be reinterpreted in terms of a global Flood. Goodbye to evolution as a scientific theory.

Remember, every major discipline in the Western world is currently dominated by philosophies based on the theory of evolution. SO JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING would be shaken.

We would need to consider that all of us have descended in very recent times from the sons of Noah.

We would need to take another look at the probability that there is a Creator who once purged the world of evil people. His LOVE and MERCY in providing for the Ark to be built as a means of rescue would become clear.

IT WOULD BE HARD FOR A THINKING PERSON TO IGNORE THE PROPHECY THAT HE IS SOON TO INTERVENE AGAIN. AND THAT SURVIVAL THIS TIME IS THROUGH ONLY ONE APPOINTED RESCUER, JESUS CHRIST.

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This is an article from the Los Alamos newspaper. It was sent to us so we do not know the exact date, but we believe it was in either November or December of 1966. In this interview with Dr. John Baumgardner, he tells of the regular pattern revealed by his own personal use of the metal detectors. He also tells that the Turks found iron rods, petrified wood and other artifacts.

Noah's Ark—found?

Rediscovered site discussed by Los Alamos scientist

By STEVE WAMPLER

An American team of geologists believe they have uncovered the remains of Noah's Ark, a Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) scientist told LLNL employees Monday.

"We're convinced this does represent the remains of a large boat," said John Baumgardner, of LANL's Theoretical Division. "It is quite a formation."

Baumgardner, who was hosted by LLNL's Travis White, spoke at "The Discovery of Noah's Ark" as a Technical Meeting Calendar spread in a packed audience in the Bldg. 543 auditorium.

In his 30-minute talk, the LANL scientist described the American team's two visits to Turkey this summer and compared the site to the accounts of Noah's Ark in the Bible.

Baumgardner, who termed the team's results as "somewhat preliminary", said archaeological work is needed to reach a conclusion on whether the site actually is the key to unlock the secrets of the long-sought-for ark.

Since the American team's August visit the Turkish government has sent an archaeological group to the site and recovered four-foot-long iron spikes, petrified wood and other metal objects, Baumgardner said.

"They have imposed tight security and they have classified all of the information as secret. They wouldn't let one of our team members take the names of their archeologists or release any photographs."

Since September, no foreigners have been allowed to visit the site, which is located some 15 miles south of Mt. Ararat and is about five miles from Iran and 20 miles from the Soviet Union, Baumgardner said.

"We're convinced this does represent the remains of a large boat. It is quite a formation." — Los Alamos scientist John Baumgardner, a member of a team which believes it has found the remains of Noah's Ark

"We're concerned that we might never get back there," he said.

Showing aerial slides which showed a strikingly boat-like shape, Baumgardner noted the Americans found an organized pattern of metal at the 6,300-foot elevation site with the aid of metal detectors.

"For me, it was quite an amazing discovery

to find the pattern of metal," he continued.

Many people believe the Bible states Noah's Ark landed on Mt. Ararat, but Baumgardner pointed out that Genesis 8:4 states "the boat came to rest upon the mountains of Ararat" rather than Mt. Ararat specifically.

He noted that Flavius Josephus, a first century Jewish historian, wrote in his "Antiquities of the Jews" that it was routine for travelers through Armenia to visit the remains of the ark.

"I would argue that it would not be routine to visit the ark at 16,000 feet," Baumgardner said, referring to the height of Mt. Ararat.

Noah's Ark, which Baumgardner believes was constructed between 5,000 and 2,300 years B.C., was 300 cubits—or about 515 feet long—and about 87 feet wide, according to the Bible. The measurements of the American team's "finds" are about 520 feet long and 120 feet wide.

Noting a mudslide probably carried the structure down the mountain from an elevation as much as 1,000 feet higher where it settled originally, Baumgardner said the ark filled with mud, which expanded its sides and increased its width.

EXCERPT FROM RESEARCH ARTICLE
ON
THE MOLECULAR FREQUENCY GENERATOR

An
Independent Research
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Critics of Ron have stated that Ron used a type of divination on the Ark sight and other sights discussed in this manuscript. Divining is a very serious Biblical offense. Anyone who has talked to Ron knows he is too intelligent to make such a mistake with things he has worked so hard on.

I called Ron personally and confronted him with this accusation. He assured me that the device he used was legitimate and he did his best to describe the unit that he had built. Ron's device was a homespun that David Fasold had told him about. John Baumgardner also has one of these devices. Although John Baumgardner has a Ph.D in Geophysics he didn't know how the device worked either, but all three men knew it really worked.

From Ron's description and my knowledge in Electrical Engineering I checked into the device that Ron had built. I went to my local news stand and looked through some treasure hunting magazines until I saw a picture of the device Ron had described to me. I THEN read the top of the ad, "Molecular Frequency Discriminator..... Definitely not a dowsing instrument!"

I picked up the phone and I called Claud Cochran the owner of Cochran and Associates, Inc. who make this device like the one Ron described to me. Their product, called the Omnitron Noah "Filter King" costs about \$5000 and is capable of eliminating between 90% and 95% of microscopic gold and silver on any location. He informed me that no device could eliminate 100% due to problems with magnetic anomalies. I

asked him how his product worked and he proceeded to tell me exactly what Ron had already described.

The device is essentially a frequency generator (Ron's first was a Heathkit) that is linked with a frequency counter this enables the user to set different frequencies for the different types of metal the user wishes to locate. The signal is then amplified and propagated electromagnetically through the ground. When it hits the target metal this excites its electron spin resonance, this resonance causes an electromagnetic disturbance which propagates from the target metal back to the sender. The user receives this electromagnetic wave back onto his body. In this device, the human body is used as a living conductor or antenna in the same way your reception improves when you touch the rabbit ears or antenna contact on the back of your television. The receiver holds in his hands two wands that attract to each other when the electromagnetic field of his body is disturbed in the proper direction. The human body has two electromagnetic fields one positive, one negative. In Ron's device he used a battery and coils to increase this body field. In the "Filter King" device mentioned above the wands held by the user have no battery because the wand materials are specially selected to be more responsive to the electromagnetic disturbance. If the receiver wands are not held in the proper hands the device will not work properly.

This device was invented by H. G. Heranimus who man worked for the government and patented the molecular frequency concept 11 years ago. He has since died and now others are manufacturing his invention.

This device while it will discriminate gold may confuse gold with other PGM metals such as platinum, osmium, rubidium, mercury, rhodium, and palladium. These metals all share the same electron spin resonance.

When I asked Claud Cochran if a Ph.D at USF specialising in quantum physics might know how his product worked his answer was... maybe. Further thought on the subject reminded me that this is a very specialised realm of Physics. If someone were a Ph.D in Modern Physics, a Ph.D in Electromagnetic Physics and were precisely described this product then they might recognize it. Improperly describing this device to a Ph.D would be about as conclusive as asking the Ph.D if there were any such thing as a box that produced pictures and sound. He wouldn't know what to think unless the description were more specific.

My father-in-law has a Masters in Electrical Engineering from Cornell. He described to me a job he took working in RF (Radio Frequency) phenomenon. He discovered that when he left his hands in the equipment it worked when he took his hands out it didn't. I had a stereo that had a terrible hum, when I put my hand up to the receiver the hum went away. This has nothing to do with magic, this is the human body inducing a field on the circuitry. RF is the nightmare of every electrical engineer and those that take this subject on are a very special breed.

Therefore if you were to ask a Ph.D how this device worked he probably wouldn't know. This device has been used

in the field for about 11 years and Claud Cochran has provided to the public for 2 1/2 years. Last season he sold over 200 units. Using Claud's device a person can be trained in 2 to 3 hours. He can then take this device and find 4 ounces of gold in a 3 acre area in about 15 minutes. The larger and closer the gold concentration, the better the device works.

The point of this digression is to show that Ron did NOT use a form of divining. To the naked eye someone looking at this man walking around with these rod receivers, he would look just like a dowser. I called a metal detection company and asked them if there was any way to triangulate gold from a distance they told me that no such device existed. Well it's obvious that such a device does exist.

Any person whose body will conduct electricity can use this device. In dowsing, mind science is used, with this device the mind is not involved at all, the device does all the work.

At this point you have some idea as to what we are up against. People who will never read this paper have already been led to believe that Ron used a form of divining. I advise everyone to get the facts before you jump to destructive conclusions. I have used this as just one example of the many rumors that are floating around out there. Including them all is beyond the scope of this paper.

Now, back to our subject.

METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY



METROPOLITAN FIRE DEPARTMENT
SAFETY DIVISION
417 FATHERLAND STREET
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37206

May 3, 1990

Mr. David Rose
Mr. Joe Walker
1575 Campbell Rd.
Goodlettsville, Tn. 37072

Gentlemen:


On behalf of Metro Civil Defense Volunteers, I want to express our thanks for your assistance in the recovery of Mr. Lane.

On April 27, 1990, Mr. Lane drown in a swimming accident at Percy Priest Lake. His body was recovered by Metro Police Divers in the exact location that your equipment showed him to be located. Also the Corps of Engineers used a sonar graph system confirmed the body at the same location. The combination of equipment made it easier to make the recovery.

If we can be of further assistance to you, please advise.

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Sincerely,


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Captain

MTB/tms

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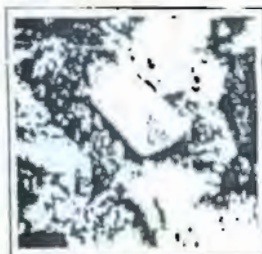
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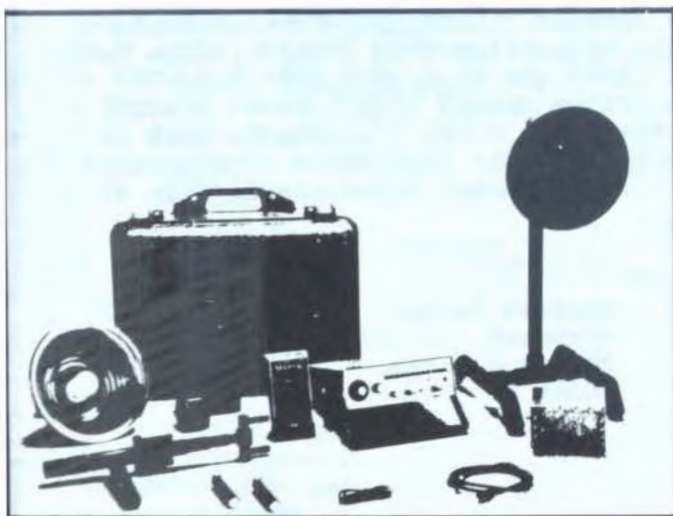
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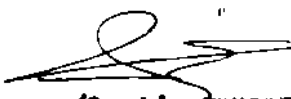
One of Ron Wyatt's permits to use sub-surface interface radar on the site in Turkey, signed by appropriate authorities. This proves that Ron has taken the radar to the site after 1986. However, this is only one instance- there were numerous more which we will reveal the results of later.


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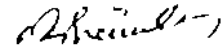

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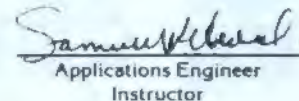
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Archaeologist certain he's found the ark



By JOANN GOSLIN
Telegraph Staff

HUDSON — He's been threatened by violent villagers, thrown in jail for spying and yet, if he's found what he thinks he's found, it'll all be worthwhile to archaeologist Ron Wyatt.

With the aid of a subsurface interface radar system, Wyatt has documented the discovery of what he believes are the remains of Noah's ark in the mountains of eastern Turkey. Excavation will eventually provide the "ultimate proof," but Wyatt says he's already certain.

"We can convince and show people that this is a boat, but to prove it's Noah's ark is something that people will have to make up their own minds about," said Wyatt.

The Madison, Tenn., resident was in Hudson last week to receive additional training on the subsurface radar system, which is produced by Geo-physical Survey Systems Inc. of Hugstone Drive.

The Hudson company invented the machine 15 years ago and distributes it worldwide. It is used to test struc-

tures, runways and railroads for sink holes and other potential surface deficiencies.

As it is pulled along the ground, the machine picks up echoes reflected from subsurface materials and a graphic recorder prints profiles of subsurface features. Joseph Rosetta, company vice president and director of marketing, said the process is similar to a radar gun used by police to trace speeding vehicles through airwaves, rather than beneath the surface.

"It's up to him to prove that it's the ark," Rosetta said of Wyatt. "But the equipment gives us another piece of data."

Although Rosetta would not reveal his opinion about Wyatt's claim, he said of the buried object, "You'd never see anything like that in natural geography. Some humans made this structure, whatever it is."

There's no other logical explanation for a boat of this size being there, said Wyatt of his belief that the structure is Noah's ark. "Every thing is there."

As evidence, he pointed to the boat's location, 6,000 feet in elevation

SUBSURFACE SOLUTIONS

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Now, researcher-author Michael Baigent says troves of undiscovered Scrolls almost certainly exist, and he substantiates his belief with evidence gathered by the world's most advanced subsurface detection system.

Baigent participated in an investigation in Qumran in early 1992 directed by Professor Robert Eisenman, chairman, Department of Religion, California State University, Long Beach. Another team member was Greg Mills, European manager for GSSI.

Mills and other team members used a SIR system to take readings along the floor and walls of Cave 4, where archeologists found hundreds of manuscripts in 1952, searching for undiscovered cavities that might contain more manuscripts. They found none.

SIR System Finds Caves

The team then raised and lowered the SIR system antenna on the face of the cliffs of Khirbet Qumran where the caves are located. The SIR system transmitted its electromagnetic impulse



energy horizontally into the rock, and received the reflection of the subsurface back through the antenna for processing by the system computer.

Mills processed the information using RADAN software, which helps interpret the data and presents it in color. The radar scan revealed unexplored caves similar to and near those where scrolls have been discovered.

The radar cannot determine if these unexplored caves contain scrolls, but the team believes it is highly likely that they do. Scholars believe these

repositories of Hebrew and Aramaic scrolls are the remains of an ancient library that stored manuscripts, beginning in the first century and extending as late as the eighth.

"We obtained all necessary permits to explore before we began," says Baigent, "and members of the Israeli army, Atomic Energy Commission, and civilian contractors and archeologists came to observe our use of the SIR systems."

"But, when we located the unexplored caves, the Israeli Antiquities Authority denied our request to excavate," says Baigent. "We have re-applied for permission to excavate and are confident that, in time, the Israelis will allow us to proceed."

This use of SIR systems to help find undiscovered Dead Sea Scrolls is only the latest archaeological application of this technology, Mills says.

GSSI systems have traveled to Egypt to search for underground tombs 4,000 years old, to Turkey to locate the true resting place of Noah's Ark, and to the

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also noted that the size of the subsurface vessel is quite close to that described by Moses in the biblical book of Genesis.

During trips to the site in 1977 and 1979, Wyatt extracted metals from the structure that were not available to the Turkish civilization until the late 1800s. The boat has apparently been buried in mud and lava since approximately 1250 B.C., based on archaeological evidence, but was partially uncovered in 1978 as the result of an earthquake.

Wyatt used the subsurface interface radar equipment at the site during his most recent trips, from 1984 on, making a total of 12 journeys since 1977. He was accompanied by his sons, Dan and Ron, on the first trip, during which they were chased from their hotel room by villagers.

Wyatt held off the attackers, using Mace and a knife, while his sons tied bedsheets together, allowing the trio to climb out the window to freedom. During the next trip, Wyatt said, he left his sons at home but brought "a larger can of Mace and a longer knife."

Although changes in government provided Wyatt with a stronger sense of security on subsequent journeys, last summer members of his team remained holed up in a Turkish hotel, unable to explore because martial law had been imposed.

The fear of terrorism, which has heightened drastically in the past two years, has also hampered archaeological explorations to the site of the structure Wyatt says is the ark. Its location, near the Russian and Iranian borders, has also made the Turkish government extremely cautious of "ark-buntlers who are actually spies," Wyatt said.

The archaeologist said his expeditions are also confronted by other



This graphic depicts how the subsurface interface radar system, created by Geophysical Survey Systems Inc. of Hudson, is used.

For this reason, the government built a roadway to the site, according to Wyatt. "These people don't care if it is or is not a boat, all they care about is if it looks like it," he said. "They'd rather not see you prove it isn't the one (Noah's ark)."

There is also competition from other explorers who would like to prove whether the structure is what Wyatt believes it is, he said. "Usually

it's with people I know and that's why I'm cautious about it. I don't want to be in a position to be in

Wyatt's lifelong interest in ancient history and his desire "to do something useful" for society led him to his archaeological hobby. To support himself and his journeys, Wyatt, who holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry, works as a nurse and an anesthesiologist at the Nashville Memorial Hospital in Tennessee.

"I suppose that I have a basic desire to make some positive contribution in my generation," Wyatt said.

Other explorations have taken him to Egypt and Saudi Arabia, where he was jailed from January to May 1984 while officials made certain he wasn't a spy.

"I have no hard feelings against them," he said. "They were just doing their jobs."

Other archaeologists and users of the subsurface radar equipment have had their instruments confiscated at borders where customs agents thought they, too, could be spies.

"We pray and ask God to give us a successful trip and then we buy insurance," Wyatt quipped.

Wyatt also said he is not looking for credit for his finds. He believes that if it can be proven that what is buried in Turkey is actually Noah's ark, the credit for the find should go to Dr. Arthur Brandenberger, who led the first group to the site in 1959.

This expedition was prompted by an aerial photograph of a boat-shaped object in eastern Turkey, taken during a survey conducted by NATO. Although Brandenberger determined the boat-shaped formation was not Noah's ark, Wyatt traveled to the site in 1977 for the first of his several examinations, which eventually led him to disbelieve the earlier scientist.

"I couldn't care less," Wyatt said when asked if he will be credited with what he believes could be termed "the most remarkable find that's ever been made."

"It'll probably be the people who shout the loudest and the longest, and if so that won't be me," he said of who would get the credit.

For now, Wyatt is most concerned about protecting the ark site, which remains partially exposed. He also does not intend to return to the site until he receives permission to excavate and house the ark.



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CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

Mr. Ron Wyatt
The Loud Cry, Inc.
224 Manzano Street
Post Office Box 931
Madison, Tennessee 37116

September 16, 1987

Received: September 16th

Dear Mr. Wyatt:

Analysis of your compound gave the following results:

Your #, Analyses,

9/16/87 Noahs
Ark Sample

% Calcium	0.073	
% Iron	13.04	
% Carbon	0.71	0.64
% CO ₂ calculated as Carbon	0.0081	

Sincerely yours,

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Gail R. Hutchens
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One of the lab analyses on the deck timber. It shows total carbon (both inorganic & organic= Carbon) then it shows inorganic carbon (CO₂) This proves the presence of organic carbon in the timber of .7019% (.7100% - .0081% = .7019%)

Documented evidence that the deck timber has been sectioned- these photographs were made at Teledyne.

The top shows where the section was removed from the timber.

The bottom photo was made with the electron microscope.



27th June, 1991

I hereby certify that on June 17, 1991
I was on the Akyagla site where
there is a large boat formation which
could be Noah's ark and I can
verify that Mr Ron E Hyatt found a
large metal rivet that appears to
have been struck when hot, in or
upon the boat formation.

~~John V~~
John V. Hyatt
John D. Darnell
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John D. Darnell

I was walking with Ron Hyatt when he picked
up the rivet described above, just outside the 'hall'
of the boat formation. Foster Davis

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2E: Chemical Analysis of Rivet Remains

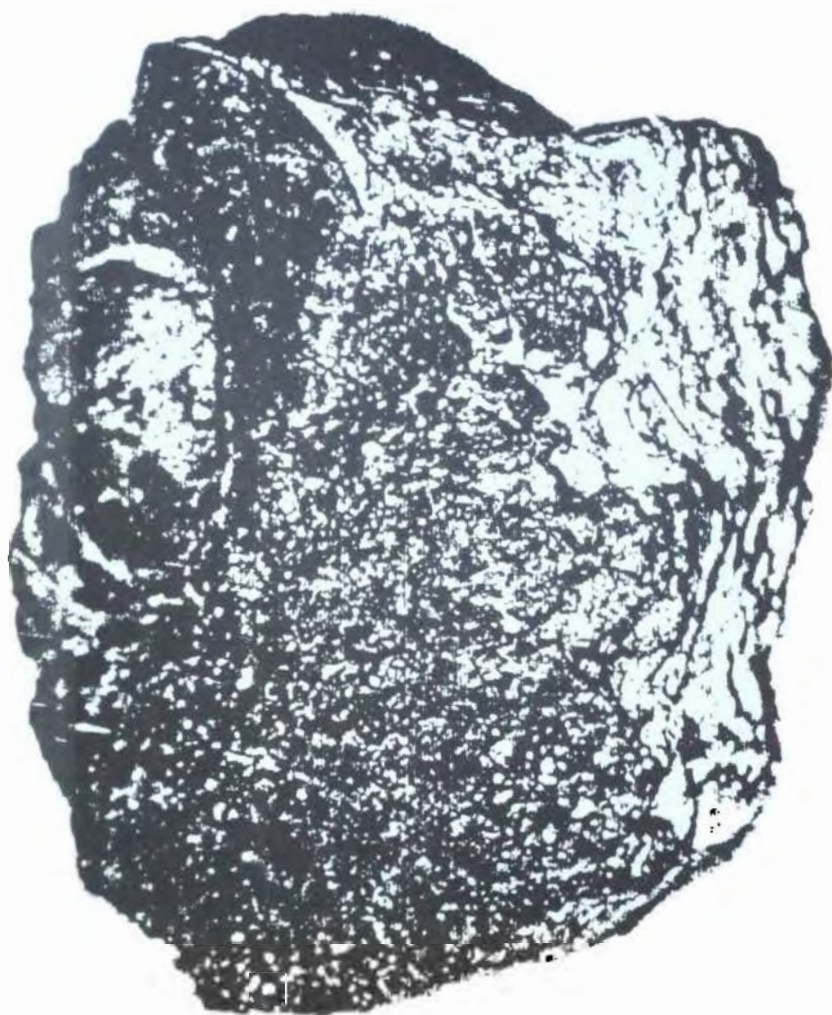
A lithium metaborate fusion technique was utilized because the samples were suspected to be composed of a high percentage of earth oxides. The elemental analyses were performed by atomic emission (inductively coupled plasma) for all elements except carbon and sulfur, where a combustion technique was utilized.

The results described herein are semi-quantitative in nature. The elements As, Sn, Tl, Hg, Se, Re, Mo, Sb, W, Ga, Te, Pt, Pb, Bi, Ir, Os, Ta, In, Ni, Rh, Ru, Au, Lu, Hf, Tu, V, Ga, Nb, Tm, Cu, Ag, Pd, Gd, Ho, Tb, Dy, Sm, Sc, La, Eu, U, Pr, Ce and Nd were scanned and found to be either non-existent or present at very low levels. However, these elements were not examined on an individual basis nor were sensitivity enhancement and/or optimization carried out. As a result, these elements cannot be ruled out unequivocally.

Location 1 was the sample taken from the area adjacent (~ 1 cm) to the rivet. Location 2 was a sample taken directly from the rivet impression. Two replicate analyses were performed at each sample. Results are listed in Table 1.

It is interesting to note that location 1 (presumably fossilized timber members) was found to contain much higher carbon (- 1.9%) than location 2 (presumably fossilized metal).

Portions of one of the 14 borings on the river's surface were analyzed and found to contain pollen, but the last part of it is of extreme importance, for it shows that the strata around the portion that looks like metal contains 15 times more carbon than the area we believe was wood, which was only 1 cm away. This is entirely consistent with a metal object next to fossilized wood.





JR-ROCK STRK1

"Rock" = high Mn sample

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SEMI-QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS: JR-ROCK STRK1

VEIN

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STREAK
THROUGH
SAMPLE

"strk" = streak or vein

"fld" = larger field

"cry" = individual crystal

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 MN-K 0.50423 +- 0.00520
 TI-K 0.00135 +- 0.00020
 CA-K 0.00262 +- 0.00024
 MG-K 0.00140 +- 0.00017
 FE-K 0.00170 +- 0.00033
 SI-K 0.01675 +- 0.00050
 AL-K 0.01689 +- 0.00054
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ZAF CORRECTION

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K -K	0.002	0.966	1.034	0.972	0.971	0.28	0.33	
MN-K	0.504	1.102	0.990	1.000	1.098	40.07	67.60	
TI-K	0.001	1.059	1.005	0.868	0.925	0.10	0.15	
CA-K	0.002	0.951	1.020	0.953	0.926	0.24	0.30	
MG-K	0.001	0.860	1.936	0.997	1.666	0.39	0.29	LARGE ABS
FE-K	0.001	1.084	0.996	1.000	1.080	0.13	0.23	
SI-K	0.016	0.889	1.317	0.999	1.170	2.79	2.39	
AL-K	0.016	0.911	1.489	0.998	1.354	3.37	2.79	LARGE ABS
NA-K	0.001	0.890	2.452	0.997	2.183	0.45	0.32	LARGE ABS
O -K	0.207	0.806	1.334	0.999	1.077	52.17	25.60	D

STOICH RESULTS

K 20 0.39
 MNO 87.26
 TIO2 0.25
 CAO 0.41
 HGO 0.47
 FE2O3 0.33
 SiO2 5.13
 AL2O3 5.27
 NA2O 0.43

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This page and the next are part of a thin section analysis done, with electron microscope, by Dr. John Baumgardner and sent to Ron Wyatt. Notes on the page are in Dr. Baumgardner's own handwriting.

This is a sample of the ballast material- note to the left, it is 87.26% mno (manganese). The next page is an examination of this same sample, which shows a high titanium (41.95%) reading.

On the next page, in John Baumgardner's own handwriting, he has written- "tailings of aluminum aloid production" and signed below this "John Baumgardner, Los Alamos". This is extremely faint on the copy attached, but is quite legible on our original copy.

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SEMI-QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS: JB-ROCK CRY(EDGE)4
EL NORM. K-RATIO

K -K-0.00000 +- 0.00000
 MN-K 0.14913 +- 0.00410
 TI-K 0.16696 +- 0.00335
 CA-K-0.00000 +- 0.00000
 MG-K 0.01092 +- 0.00070
 FE-K-0.00000 +- 0.00000
 SI-K 0.03356 +- 0.00103
 AL-K 0.02171 +- 0.00089
 NA-K 0.01417 +- 0.00104
 O -K 0.00000 +- 0.00000

ZAF CORRECTION

15.00 KEV

52.00 DEGS

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	K	[Z]	[A]	[F]	[ZAF]	ATOM.X	WT.X	
K -K	0.000	1.026	1.014	0.964	1.004	0.00	0.00	G
MN-K	0.149	1.167	1.009	1.000	1.178	11.73	24.36	
TI-K	0.166	1.127	0.996	0.968	1.087	13.89	25.17	
CA-K	0.000	1.010	1.005	0.941	0.957	0.00	0.00	G
MG-K	0.010	0.915	1.518	0.998	1.388	2.32	2.10	LARGE ABS
FE-K	0.000	1.149	1.006	1.000	1.157	0.00	0.00	G
SI-K	0.033	0.941	1.208	0.998	1.136	5.00	5.29	
AL-K	0.021	0.964	1.314	0.997	1.265	3.74	3.81	
NA-K	0.014	0.945	1.825	0.998	1.723	3.90	3.39	LARGE ABS
O -K	0.196	0.859	2.124	0.999	1.824	59.41	35.88	D LARGE ABS

STOICH RESULTS

K 20 0.00

→MNO 31.44

→TIO2 41.95

CAO 0.00

MGO 3.50

FE2O3 0.00

SIO2 11.33

AL2O3 7.19

NA2O 4.56

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Mr. Ron Wyatt
The Loud Cry, Inc.
224 Manzano Street
Post Office Box 931
Madison, Tennessee 37116

December 3, 1984

Received: November

Dear Mr. Wyatt:

Analysis of your compound gave the following results:

Your #,	Our #,	Analyses,	Dry Basis
11/13/84	G-5233C	% Carbon	0.26
Black		% Aluminum	1.12
		% Alumina	2.12
		% Copper	less than 0.03
		% Tin	less than 0.8
		% Ferric Oxide	1.46
		% Silicon Dioxide	7.91
		% Calcium Oxide	0.72
		% Titania	0.12
		% Potassium Oxide	0.59
		% Manganese Dioxide	84.14

Sincerely yours,

GALBRAITH LABORATORIES, INC.

Gail R. Hutchens
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nodules

used as a repository for mineral deposits of unbelievable value and significant economic value.

Minerals that resist the chemical and mechanical processes of erosion in nature and that possess a density greater than that of the earth's common minerals have a tendency to concentrate in gravity deposits known as placer. During the ice ages (about 10,000 to 2,500,000 years ago), sea level was appreciably lowered as the ocean water was transferred to the continental glaciers. Because of the cyclical nature of the ice ages and the intervening warm periods, series of beaches were formed in nearshore areas both above and below present sea level. Also, when sea level was lowered in past ages, the seaward flow into the sea caused much further seaward, carrying placer minerals to be deposited in channels that are now submerged. With geophysical exploration techniques, these channels and beaches can be easily delineated, even though these features are totally covered by Recent or Holocene sediments; that is, those deposited during the last 10,000 years.

Sand and gravel, mined from a number of offshore locations around the world, generally with hydraulic dredges, are used mainly for construction purposes or for beach replenishment or nearshore fills.

Sulfur, which is taken from salt domes in the Gulf of Mexico, is mined by a process in which pressurized hot water is pumped into the sulfur-containing cap of the dome, melting the sulfur and forcing it to the surface. Compressed air is also used to pump sulfur to the surface; in still-molten sulfur is then pumped ashore through insulated pipelines.

Of considerable interest are the sea-floor phosphorite deposits on the coastal shelves of many nations. The phosphorite off California occurs as nodules that vary in size from flat slabs, several feet across, to small spherical forms termed oolites. The nodules commonly are found as a single layer at the surface of coarse-grained sediments. Phosphorite composition from the California offshore area is surprisingly uniform and contains potentially economically attractive amounts of phosphorus.

Another type of phosphate deposit has been found off the west coast of Mexico, namely, a fine-grained, unconsolidated deposit in about 50 metres (160 feet) of water. It contains as much as 40 percent apatite (common phosphate mineral), and it is speculated that there is as much as 20,000,000,000 tons of recoverable phosphate rock in the deposit.

Mineral deposits of monumental size and potential economic significance are found in the deep-sea areas of the ocean. Minerals formed in the deep sea are frequently found in high concentrations, because there is relatively little clastic material generated in these areas to dilute the chemical precipitates.

An estimated 10^{16} tons of calcareous oozes, formed by the deposition of calcareous shells and skeletons of planktonic (floating) organisms, cover some 130,000,000 square kilometres (50,000,000 square miles) of the ocean floor. In a few instances, these oozes, which occur within a few hundred miles of most nations bordering the sea, are almost pure calcium carbonate, but they often show a composition similar to that of the limestones used in the manufacture of portland cement.

Covering about 39,000,000 square kilometres (15,000,000 square miles) of the ocean floor in great bands from the northern and southern ends of the Pacific Ocean and across the southern ends of the Indian and Atlantic oceans are other oozes, consisting of the siliceous shells and skeletons of planktonic animals and plants. Normally these oozes could serve in most of the applications for which diatomaceous earth is used, for thermal insulation, for lightweight concrete formulations, as fillers, and as soil conditioners.

An estimated 10^{16} tons of red clay covers about 10,000,000 square kilometres (40,000,000 square miles) of the ocean floor. Although compositional analyses are not particularly revealing, red clay may possess some value as a material in the clay products industry, or it may serve as a source of metals in the future. The average iron content is about 15 percent, but red clays from

specific locations have assayed as high as 25 percent alumina; copper contents as high as 0.20 percent also have been found. A few hundredths of a percent of such metals as nickel and cobalt and a percent or so of manganese also are generally present in a micronodular fraction of the clays and probably can be separated and concentrated from the other materials by screening or by some other physical method.

Underlying the hot brines in the Red Sea are basins containing metal-rich sediments that potentially may prove to be one of the great metal-deposit discoveries of all time. It has been estimated that the largest of several rich pools, the Atlantis II Deep, contains over \$2,000,000,000 worth of copper, zinc, silver, and gold values in relatively high grades. These pools lie in about 2,000 metres (6,600 feet) of water, midway between the Sudan and the Arabian Peninsula. Because of their gel-like nature, pumping these sediments to the surface should prove relatively uncomplicated. These deposits are forming today under present geochemical conditions, and they are similar in character to certain major ore deposits on land.

From an economic standpoint, the most interesting oceanic sediments are manganese nodules—small, black to brown, friable lumps found to be widely distributed throughout the three major oceans in the late 19th century by the famous "Challenger" and "Albatross" expeditions.

Many theories have been proposed to account for the formation of manganese nodules, the best probably being that the ocean is saturated at its present state of acidity-alkalinity in iron and manganese. For this reason, these elements precipitate as colloidal particles that gradually increase in size and filter down to the sea floor. Colloids of manganese and iron oxides collect many metals and bear an electrical charge; they tend to agglomerate as nodules at the sea floor rather than settle as particles in the general sediments.

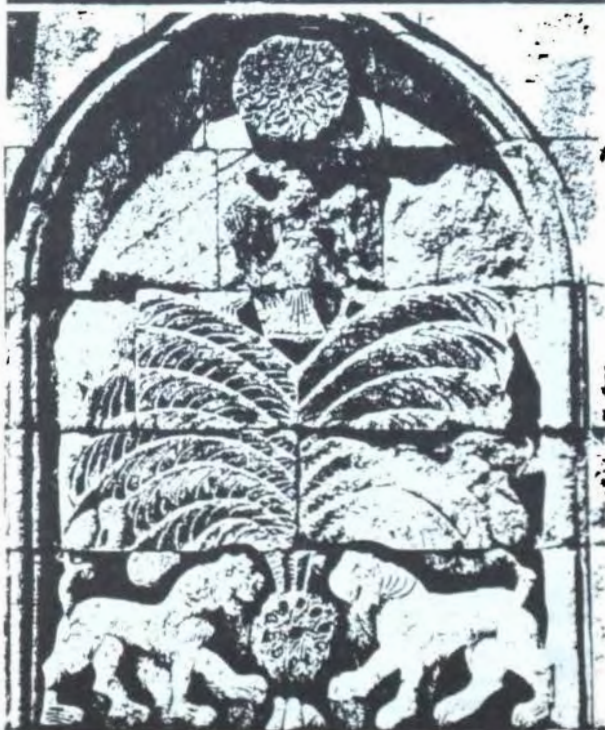
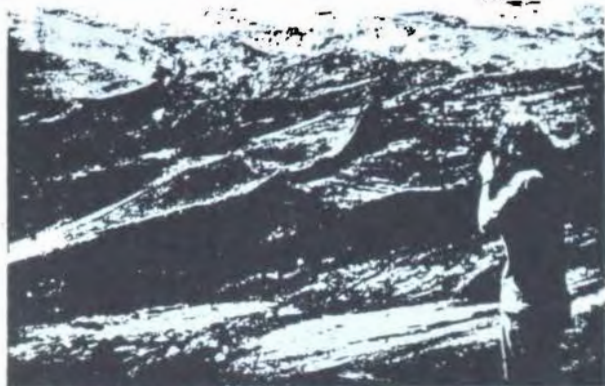
An estimated 1,500,000,000,000 tons of manganese nodules are on the Pacific Ocean floor alone, and they are estimated to be forming at an annual rate of about 10,000,000 tons. Average about four centimetres (slightly less than two inches) in diameter (Figure 4) and found in concentrations as high as 100,000 tons per square mile, these manganese nodules contain as much as 25 percent copper, 2.0 percent nickel, 0.2 percent cobalt, and 35 percent manganese. In some deposits, the content of cobalt and manganese is as high as 2.5 percent and 30 percent, respectively. Such concentrations would be considered high-grade ores if found on land, and, because of the large horizontal extent of the deposit, they are a potential source of many important industrial metals. Table 7 lists some statistics concerning the amount of reserves and rate of accumulation of various metals in the nodules.

Relatively simple mechanical cable bucket or hydraulic dredges with submerged motors and pumps can effect the mining of the nodules at rates as high as 10,000 to 15,000 tons per day, from depths as great as 6,000 metres (20,000 feet). The estimated costs to mine and process the nodules indicate that copper, nickel, cobalt, and other metals can be economically produced from this source.

WASTE DISPOSAL

One of the least known but most important uses of the sea is as a garbage dump. In the past, the ocean was capable of assimilating the wastes of societies without noticeable pollution effects. Because society is becoming increasingly affluent, however, the dumping of wastes into the ocean is overwhelming the ocean's capacity to digest them. Great marginal areas of the world's oceans have been heavily polluted by many forms of man's wastes, the most obvious of which is sewage. Less apparent forms of pollution are atomic wastes, chemical wastes, trash and oil spills from vessels, oil spills from offshore wells, and heat from power plants are generally being added along with the waste to which the waste involved in cooling their condensers by water circulation systems. Although the

"Yaptığımız iş yasal. Hastane bizim hastanemiz, benim vatandaşına hizmet veriyor. Ancak vatandaşımı hasta ediyoruz, gereken t-



- ERZURUM**, (180 km. east of Erzurum) This is the largest city in Eastern Anatolia, and is situated on a high plateau at an altitude of 1950 m. The large Atazur monument commemorating the Turkish-Russian War catches your attention as you enter the city. You will also find an archaeology museum in the city. Of ancient origin, Erzurum became an important city during the Byzantine period and the walls of the fortress are well preserved. There are important Sasanian remains here. The olden mosque is the Ulu Camii (Great Mosque) of 1179 which has seven well-preserved minarets. The Çifte Minareli Medrese, a theological school with two minarets, has a beautiful ivy-covered portal. Beside the Çifte Minareli Medrese is the Ulu Kümbet (three mausoleums), the best known - is the Erzurul Sultan Turbette. The 13th century Mevlavîye Turbette was built for the daughter - Sultan Alaeddin Kaykubad. The 13th century Yildizli Turbette is decorated with a beautiful portal and a richly tiled minaret. While wandering around the city, you will see the black amber stone popular for jewelry, which make good souvenirs. A road passing through splendid mountain scenery leads to the winter sports resort of Pazarcik: only 5 km. from Erzurum.
- Tatliçele, 120 km. from Erzurum towards Arvin, is a peculiar place. Be sure to see the water falls at the north end of the lake, plunging from a height of 47 meters into the lake below.

KARİS, (212 km. northeast of Erzurum) This city famous in Turkish history stands at the foot of an impressive fortress reconstructed by the Seljuks in the 12th century. The impressive walls still enclose ruins of mosques and numerous churches. Near the fortress is the Havariler Museum (Church of the Apostles). On the outside are relics of the Apostles. There also is an interesting archaeological museum in Karis with beautiful wood carvings and an excellent coin collection from the surrounding region. East of Karis (42 km.) is the ancient Sile Plains that goes by Ars. The impressive city walls still enclose ruins of mosques and numerous churches. Samsun (53 km. from Karis) is a city center of resort hotels in a scenic pine forest.

AGB, (163 km. east of Erzurum) This province center is situated on a high plateau and goes by the name of the mountain of the same name. Black Lake is to the east and north. Fish restaurants, pleasant surroundings make this a relaxing spot. Thermal springs are all over the area.

DOĞUBAYRAZI; (95 km. east of Ağrı) Do not miss the discovery of the spectacular ruins of the Shah Palace (about 6 km. away, constructed by Shah Paşa, Ottoman governor of the province in the 17th century). The ruins stand amid jagged peaks. History is the Ottoman king's tale and no tomb from the 9th century; B.C. **Biçaklı Mt. Ağrı**: legendary site of the second beginning of Islam is clearly seen from the town, but a particularly scenic view is the Ağrı road that starts its mountain to the west. Ağrı is the first place where, allegedly, Noah set foot on land after the Flood. For the island discovery of the site for Noah's Ark, you need to go to Uluşagırlı village, 25 km. east Doğubayrazi. Rest here, enjoy a drink and take a picture of this memorable scene! Be sure to the local desert specialty, "Aşure" (Noah's Pudding).

FROM MALATYA TO MANKARAN

The road goes north to the Central Anatolian Highway that passes through Kayseri, Samsat, Bingöl, Muş, Van and Van der Hohen.

MALATYA: (670 km. *east of Ankara*) This is a fairly new busy city situated in a fertile plain at a foot of the Aris Toros Mountains. Next to it, the city museum is a building where an entire road shops are devoted to copper objects. Here leads from the Lower Fırat region dating to the Hittite and Chaldean Ages are housed in the museum. Delicious and tempting confections, such as *Aprek Dagi* are made from the locally grown apricots. From Malatya the two small loach which preceeded the foundation of the present day city can be visited. *Arsesene* 7 km. away is the capital of a Hittite state in the first millennium B.C. and *Battalgazi* 8 km. away was once the capital city of Medians. Here there are ruins of an ancient Byzantine enclosure and in the center the town is the Ulu Mosque, built in 1247, which is a perfect example of Seljuk architecture.

EL AZIG: (103 km northeast of Malaga) This is another new city founded in the 1980s, standing on a plain near a mountain crossed by a highway of the ancient city of Harpur 5 km north. There are several Sogdian mosques in the town. The huge artificial lakes of Keben and Kala Darya on the Fergana River are part of the changing scenery.

TUNCELİ (133 km north of Elazığ): The city of Tunceli lies on the Elazığ-Erzurum road & is bounded by mountains. The fortress of Pertek which was constructed in the Middle Ages and a good condition, stands 31 km along the road from Elazığ. To reach the nearby Munzur Valley National Park, go to Çemişgezek 80 km northwest, and be surrounded by the beauty that nature gives.

BIRDAK, (144 km east of Elazığ) The name of the city means "a thousand lakes" and there are 1,000 lakes placed later in the surrounding mountains. In the city there are the famous "Jücehan"

Cover page and last page of official report on radar scans done in 1987. Salih Baraktutan confirmed that this was the official report in July 1992, when Ron and Mary Nell Wyatt met with him at the Oral Hotel in Erzurum, Turkey.

Please note the first sentence of the last page summary. This report, which is quite extensive, in no way provides any evidence that detracts from the identification of the site as the remains of Noah's Ark.

JULY 1987 GEOPHYSICAL INVESTIGATION OF NOAH'S ARK (DURUPINAR SITE) MAHŞER VILLAGE, DOĞUBAYAZIT, AĞRI

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ERZURUM, TURKEY**

CONCLUSIONS

We conclude that the data from our geophysical investigations in no way conflict with the proposition that the unusual boat-shaped site near Mahser village contains the remains of Noah's Ark. Indeed, the existence of remains of a large man-made structure in the site is an attractive way to account for the highly anomalous feature of the extensive, almost planar, reflector observed in the radar data. However, without actual samples of the subsurface materials we feel that definitive interpretations of our data are not possible. On the other hand, we believe samples obtainable through core drilling a small number of holes in the site can provide the information required which, together with the geophysical data we already have, can allow very solid conclusions to be reached. We therefore urge the Turkish authorities to support efforts to conduct core drilling as early in 1988 as

We want to express our thanks to Prof. Dr. Hursit Ertuğrul, Rector of Atatürk University, for sponsoring this joint research project. We also thank Mr. Rüçde Naiboğlu (Emeritus General), Director for Security Affairs, and Mrs. Neryan Özçimlis, Director of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Turkish Prime Ministry, as well as the Governor of Ağrı for their sincere efforts and assistance in making this project a success.

A SEARCH FOR THE ELUSIVE ARK

Dear

1986 Carmine Passando
Los Alamos, NM 87544
August 18, 1988

I am almost over my jet lag now and feel like I have convinced Jean and Christine that they still have a husband and daddy after four weeks in the mountains of Kurdistan. This indeed is the fourth summer the quest to locate remains of an ancient ship has taken me to such a remote part of the earth. And the results? In a word-elusive.

You may recall that last summer our expedition surveyed an unusual boat-shaped formation approximately 500 feet in length located in the mountains of the ancient kingdom of Urartu using a ground penetrating radar, a high-precision magnetometer, and an exploration seismograph. The geophysical data we obtained showed some unusual features, but our position was that without actual samples of the subsurface medium, accurate interpretation was not possible. Therefore we petitioned the government councils which administer this province to grant us favor and permission to remove four core samples from the site during the summer of 1988. With the gracious assistance and earnest persuasion of our university colleague, Sait, in the city of Erzurum, the government officials did indeed grant this permission. The drilling would be performed by a crew from this ancient city.

On the 12th of July I departed for a destination 150 degrees of longitude to the east (that is, almost on the other side of the globe) to participate in this next chapter of our exploration of the strange boat-like form identified in 1989 from a military aerial photograph and located just two miles from the Iranian border. Formalities are of utmost importance with government officials in part of the world, so several days were required to complete the last details of where the drilling crew would stay and how the bulldozer for building a temporary road to the site would be repaired. Of course, etiquette requires having at least one cup of tea each time any sort of business is conducted.

As a result of my colleague Sait's persistence, we got the bulldozer work started a couple of days before Kurban Bayram, and the drill crew was able to get the drill rig moved onto the site the day following the holiday. The drill rig was transported by truck from Erzurum some 200 miles away. Between July 28th and August 7th we succeeded, praise God, in drilling four holes to a depth of ten meters and recovered reasonably good cores from each of the holes. Three of the holes were near the centerline of the site while the fourth was near the outer flank of the longitudinal hump.

What secrets did the cores reveal? Probably the most useful information was that a massive block of basement rock appears to occupy a large portion of the volume of the boat-shaped form, which presently stands some 40 feet above the surrounding terrain. This basement rock was encountered between four and five meters depth in the two holes along the centerline on the upper end of the site. It also seems to extend all the way to the surface along the centerline for some distance near the middle lower part of the site. Above this basement rock is mudflow material consisting mostly of brown clay with an admixture of gravel and cobbles. (The site itself is situated in the midst of a large landslided mudflow area.) The presence of this block of basement rock is supported by the seismograph data of last summer's investigation which showed an abrupt increase in sound speed at depths between two and six meters. This basement block appears to explain quite well why the site displays such remarkable stability in contrast to the surrounding terrain that is riddled with fissures two or more meters deep and is slumping and eroding rapidly.

Another notable discovery was the presence at three locations in the mudflow layer of nodules of the bright yellow mineral limonite. Limonite is a hydrated oxide of iron, and its occurrence in this environment appears to be anomalous. Just how anomalous is the crucial question, since the minerals in the rocks in the source area of the mudflow have a moderate iron content. However, during the months now that I have worked at the site, I have never seen this bright yellow material anywhere in the fissures or exposures in the mudflow clay. Because earlier investigations led up to correct unusual amounts of iron in the soil, and the presence of nodules are of interest, it is that as they could represent the rusted remains of metallic iron objects.

Despite the negative articles that are appearing in the CRSA toward your work, I am still extremely excited about your discovery of the consequences of changing for

Sincerely,

John

John Baumgardner

This is a compilation of excerpts from John Baumgardner's "newsletter"- non-relevant portions were omitted in order to have room for the opening of the letter, the pertinent information, and finally his signature. You will note that this report, sent out to many, many people, states that limonite found during the core-drill of 1988 could possibly represent the remains of metal objects of the Ark. The core-drill did not detract from the evidence for this being Noah's Ark.

SOME HOT QUESTIONS ON THE ARK

- * How could the world's numerous species of animals all fit into one single ship?
- * How could the Ark ever have survived tidal waves thousands of feet high?
- * How could kangaroos, polar bears and other creatures from the ends of the earth ever have crossed oceans and continents to get to the Ark?
- * How could eight persons ever feed and care for so many animals for a whole year?

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